the Central Provinces.

CLEAR DISTRUST OF SPAIN SHOWN.

The Insurgents Do Non Believe in Spanish Faith .- Pando's Crucities tion in tlay na.

London, Dec. 21.-The Cuban correspondent of the London Chronicle sends these details of the situation in

Cuba. He says: Under General Weyler's vile regime one-half of the Cuban population has disappeared; the remaining half are turned into implacable enemies of Spain. General Blanco's new policy professes to undo all the harm Weyler has done. Nothing can bring life to the thousands of innocent Cubans or the horde of Spanish conscripts who have perished miserably—a sacrifice to rapacity and official negligence; but if the reform could succor the residue it would indeed be welcom

I have recently traveled through the central provinces-the most open and highly cultivated-they are a wasted desert of ruin and desolation. In every settlement a miserable remnant of "reconcentrados" are gradually dying off. Last week to these people came the news that Weyler's "concentration" policy would be ended, then came the "bando" of the captain general stating that the zones of cultivation would be extended, and all planters would be induced to fortify their plantations, and under guard provided by Spain restart cultivation.

This, indeed, is all a nation without money could well promise, and under its merciful proviso ground will be allotted for the emaciated wretches to crawl out and plant a few sweet potatoes, and after starving on for three months they can reap the crop. Again, owners, who for the most part are penniless, must expend money in for- | barity. tifying their plantation, Spain will provide a guard from her haif-starved horde of men, while the planter rebuilds and buys new machinery for his "ingenio" to produce the sugar, and in time his crop will be ready.

NEED NEW CAPITAL.

In many places not a particle of the very expensive plant necessary for cane grinding remains-even the immense boilers had been stood on end and roughly improvised into Spanish forts. Thus the sugar industry can only be restarted by the infusion of English and American capital, and few left idle and practically ownerless. The speaker in part said:

down their arms by promises which have been ruthlessly broken. The isl-They fully realize that though Senor Sagasta is acting in good faith, and wishes to atone for past evil, his party is weak, and Spain's very political organization makes it possible for a new premier to revoke every measure of reform instituted by his processor. The late Conservative rounion is significant -the Weyler party is still strong, while the intransigeant Spaniards in Havana are loudly protesting against any measures of conciliation.

The Autonomists are very weak, and already at variance. I interviewed Senor Galvary, the new Autonomist leader yesterday, on the situation, but from his utterances the days of Cuba must indeed be dark if the Cubans here accept the autonomy he is assisting General Blanco to institute. He believes that, with liberal self-government, if the Cuban leaders persist in the war their followers will take advantage of the amnesty, and desert in large numbers, and the residue will soon be quelled. He overlooks the fact that the Cubans in arms beside distrusting Spain and being maddened by atrocities on their wives and families, have small incentive to lay down their arms and come in to starve, when they can live in plenty in the Manigua. The war debt, also, will be saddled on Cuba, and keep her in bondage permanently.

THE CRUEL PANDO.

General Pando takes active command of the army of operations. He is looked on as a second Weyler General Blanco is a most humane man—Pando has the character of being the reverse. He was military governor of Santiago province at the start of the war, and terrible atrocities were ascribed to him. His guerillas were certainly the worst in the island. The colonel of a still famous and bloody band sent to head-quarters for instructions. Pando is stated to have sent the following reply. which is only characteristic of this

Don't send reports to me and don't ask further questions. Just slay everything that is Cuban-man, woman, child or log.

In Havana a girl of 10 is now being secretly treated by friends for a ma-chete cut on the head. She was found not far from the city a few weeks ago and brought in. It is seldom, however, that the guerilla back and fail to kill. and only by an oversight was this au-delous rebel of 10 summers left with

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life. Her family were all killed, General Pando's plan of campaign in pursuance of the merciful policy is to or-ganize fresh bands of guerillas and set a heavy price on the heads of all leaders dead or alive. While increasing those bands of raging welves the au-What an English Correspondent Saw in thorities also hope to induce the reconcentrades to venture beyond the towns to cultivate. Not a woman or child will dare go outside; they have seen too many of their kinswomen done to

The day of reckoning following Weyand Weyler's Pillerings -- Starva - fraud in every branch of the service. Whita soldiers have perished for lack of drugs and appliances the medical department funds are short \$200,000. The Baleares Battallon, whose men have died from absolute want at Guines, shows a deficit of \$25,000. From the Guipuzeon regiment Lieutenant Suares Rivero has stolen \$36,530 from the pay and supply account, and is now in hiding. This regiment is decimated by fever and bad food. There are nucrous other instances. These officers have only copied their late general. On paper General Weyler has expended over \$2,000,000 on the two "trochas." Both these defences were built with military labor, the surrounding woods provided the timber, and competent authorities tell me, after making a liberal estimate, that the cost should have been less than \$500,000. Favored officers have also returned to Spain rich. Weyler's chief of staff, Colonel Escrib-ano, transferred his private account from Havana to Paris before he left lst week. In twenty months he hd deposited \$327,400. His pay is about equal to that of a British infantry captain. The significance of these facts is realized by the knowledge that Spain's troops are dying from bad food and their pay is nine months in ar-

The starvation rate in Havana is on the increase. Pictures of starving Hindees awakened compassion throughout the civilized world. Here among educated and refined peole, are the same sad skeletons, but reduced through a legal starvation. Until General Blanco's egal starvation. Until General any photosukent the police prevented any photosukent the police prevented any photosukent the officer passed on.

When Philip entered the car it was graphs of the reconcentrates. Pictures will now be produced, however, which cill tell their own tale of Spanish bar-

SECOND OF THE SERIES.

Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., Talks About the Inspiration of Immoratality in the Howard Place Church.

Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., paster of the Howard Place African Methodist | happy Christmas, for I have two little Episcopal church, Sunday evening delivered the second of a series of serwill dare invest fresh funds at the men fectures on "Inspiration and Im. So don't cry, you will never be alone present unsettled state of the island, mortality," choosing as a text, Pralm Most of the estates owned by Cubans Xvii:15, "As for me, I will behold Thy have been confiscated by the Crown, face in righteousness; I shall be satis-and after being plundered have been fled when I awake with Tay likeness."

There is no hope that the condition of Cuba can be materially improved under Spanish rule, and in the present and the body itself belong, but of which She said: "This is your home." Phil chaotic condition of affairs no bright we must content ourselves to be in ignor-outcome is possible for the near future.

Spain is still Spain. In previous wars existence—this is person. We know instantially that we exist, but this intuitively that we exist, but this intuitively that we exist, but this intuitively that we exist. our being. Before bringing into view the doctrine of immortality, it is important also, for apparent reasons, to inquire which come to us under the simple forms of feeling and belief, are so high in authority that they are "elements of our mental constitution, essential conditions of our knowledge, and must be accented as true. To suppose this falsehood, is to suppose that we are created capable of intelligence in order to be made the vic-tims of delusion; that God is a deceiver of that the root of our nature is a

> "These first truths," says Abercromble force themselves with a conviction of "force themselves with a conviction of infallible certainty upon every mind of sound understanding." "The only account that can be given of our belief," says Stewart, speaking of the same thing, is, Stewart, speaking of the same thing, is, "that it forms a necessary part of our constitution." Aristotic says: "Except some first principles be taken for granted, there can be neither reason nor reasoning." Even Locke holds the following: "As for our own existence, we perceive it so plainty that it needs not, nor is capable of any higher proof. * * * Experience then convinces us that we have an intuitive knowledge of our own existence and an internal infallible more xistence and an internal, intallible perscious to ourselves of our own being, and in this matter, come not short of the highest degree of certainty."

INTUITIVE KNOWLEDGE,

This intuitive knowledge lies at the base of all knowledge, and is primary to all processes; a knowledge bound up with the soul from its origin, associated with every fibre of its structure, and accompanying necessarily every stage of its growth. It is to philosophy in its broad-est sense, what revelation is to Christian est sense, what revelation is to Christian theology; viz; the Divinely given and infallible base which alone makes philosemby possible. If this intuitive knowledge is accepted by us as necessarily infallible, we have at once the touchstone by which to test all deerrine; and if the Bible is also infallible, it must accord with it. If both are Divinely given, one as the basis of theology and the en, one as the basis of theology and the other as the basis of philosophy, they must be found in harmony and the relation between the two indicates the true relation between theology and philosophy. cosophy. I am quite solicitious to have this matter of intuitive knowledge, this protoplasm of all knowledge, this infal-lible certainty fairly recognized, because upon it the doctrine of immortality rests, A standard author says of the belief in immortality. It is a partial and

in immortality: "It is a natural and necessary intuition of the moral nature; a deliverence of the intuitive faculty occasioned by the apprehended facts of human experience." And again: "The Bible, then, in postulating a hereafter for the then, in postulating a hereafter for the human race, does what universal convic-tion sustains, and its testimony on this subject may be admitted on rational grounds." Retaining our spiritual defini-tion of man, we may avoid the popular error of spenking of him as a compound

of body and soul.

Placing the personality where it log-ically belongs, to wit, within the spirit-uality entirely, we may dismiss the files, leal thought of a complex or compound recognitive, and will then experte ally of man, even after we have seen as body so to destruction. Taking this lew of the vase, the separation of man som the body, offers nothing whatever paints our destrine. For anoth that can a said to the contrary, the man thus is accorded from the body now not only we as well as previously, but even better than while in the desir. Conducting he argument of Butler, the fact that he was now, affords at least a presument of s now, affords at least a presump that he will ever live.

But I do not propose to prove immortality by reasoning upon the Inets of the name a being in particular, or upon those of nature in general; nor indeed by reasoning at all. My hope is merely to show hat a belief in immortality can be recombled to reason. Man always because in the control of ciled to reason. Man always has be-yed in immortality, and it is safe to some always will believe in it in some assume always will believe in it in some scasse and to some extent. Men of excep-tional parts have decialmed and argued and demonstrated against this belief; but it has ever returned as Banquo's ghost to the cvil, and as Pandora's hope to the The bellef in immertality does not own

be overthrown by reason. Reason can aid it. may impair it, but can never destroy

LITTLE PHIL'S CHRISTMAS.

Written by a Lad Aged Ten Years.

Christmas eye was drawing near, and everybedy was very busy preparing for the holidays. The streets were crowded with people coming and going. The vindows of all the leading stores were enutifully decorated and gave a pleasant appearance to everything

It was at one of these windows that little here, Philip Knight, was standing looking at the beautiful things and happy faces of the passers by, and seeing all the children with their parents. His heart grew sad and heavy as he stood watching all this for he was thinking of how happy he was last Christmas and how different this Christman would be. His mother whom he loved sincerely all his life has taken sick and died only a week ago, leaving Phil all alone in the world, for his father had dled when he was small colld, so he had no one left to care for bim. He did not know what to do; he had no place to go. The little home where he and his mother lived and what little furniture they had had been sold by the landlord. So it was that Phil was a wanderer in the

It was growing dark and he was about to get on the train (not knowing what else to do) when a policeman caught him roughly by the arm and

"Here, boy, where are you going?" Phil could not speak, he was so frightened; then he remembered he had an uncle living in New York and he said:

I am going to uncle's." "Have you any money to pay your fare?" asked the officer. Philip had just two dollars so be

said "Yes, sir." He did not tell him the small amount he possessed nor did he tell him how unhappy he was, for he was anxious to get on the train. So

crowded. He got a seat to the front of the car. All eyes were upon him as he looked so bad and hadn't enough clothes on him to keep him warm. He saw every one whispering to each other. His eyes filled with tears. He began to sob aloud. A kind lasty who had been watching him since he entered went over to him and asked him what was the matter. Phil soon teld er his sad story and when she heard t she, too, began to weep. At last she

"Do not cry my child I will take you boys like you, and they will be kind to you, and I will be a mother to you.

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