

ENGLISH VIEW OF CUBAN HORRORS

What an English Correspondent Saw in the Central Provinces.

CLEAR DISTRUST OF SPAIN SHOWN.

The Insurgents Do Not Believe in Spanish Faith—Pando's Cruelty and Weyler's Policies—Starvation in Havana.

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.

I have recently travelled 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.

NEED NEW CAPITAL.

In many places not a particle of the very expensive plant necessary for fine grinding remains—even the immense boilers had been stood on end and roughly improvised into Spanish forts.

The Automonists are very weak, and already at variance. I interviewed Senator Galarza, the new Automonist 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.

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.

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life. Her family were all killed. General Pando's plan of campaign in pursuance of the merciful policy is to organize fresh bands of guerrillas and set a heavy price on the heads of all heads of families or of those who have been seen to have any of their kinswomen done to death.

GIGANTIC FRAUDS.

The day of reckoning following Weyler's removal has revealed gigantic fraud in every branch of the service. While soldiers have perished for lack of drugs and appliances the medical department funds are shown to have been used for the purchase of horses, whose men have died from absolute want at Guines, shows a deficit of \$25,000. From the Guipuzcoa regiment Lieutenant Suarez Rivero has stolen \$35,520 from the treasury and is now in hiding.

The starvation rate in Havana is on the increase. Pictures of starving Hindus awakened compassion throughout the civilized world. Here among educated and refined people, are the same sad skeletons, but reduced through a legal starvation.

SECOND OF THE SERIES.

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

Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., pastor of the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday evening, delivered the second of a series of sermon lectures on "Inspiration and Immortality," choosing as a text, Psalm xlvii:12, "As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness."

The living, self-conscious, thinking subject, to which all mental attributes and the body itself belong, but of which we must content ourselves to be in ignorance, except as to the bare fact of its existence—this is the person. We know intuitively that we exist, but this intuitive knowledge furnishes no definition of our being. Before bringing into view the doctrine of immortality, it is important also, for apparent reasons, to inquire into the fact and high value of intuition as a witness to truth.

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 broadest sense, what revelation is to Christian growth; viz., the divinely given and infallible base which alone makes philosophy possible. If this intuitive knowledge is accepted by us as necessarily infallible, we have at once the touchstone by which to test all doctrine; 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 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. I am quite satisfied to have this matter of intuitive knowledge, this protoplasm of all knowledge, this infallible certainty fairly recognized, because upon it the doctrine of immortality rests.

A standard author says of the belief in immortality: "It is a natural and necessary intuition of the moral nature; a deliverance of the intuitive faculty occasioned by the apprehended facts of human experience. And again: 'The Bible, then, in postulating a hereafter for the human race, does what universal conviction sustains, and its testimony on this subject may be admitted on rational grounds.' Retaining our spiritual definition of man, we may avoid the popular error of speaking of him as a compound of body and soul."

Placing the personality where it logically belongs, to wit, within the spiritually entirely, we may dismiss the illogical notion of a complex or compound personality, and will then experience but little difficulty in thinking of the immortality of man, even after we have seen the light to destruction. Taking this view of the case, the separation of man from the body, offers nothing whatever against our doctrine. For aught that can be said to the contrary, the man thus discovered from the body may not only live as well as previously, but even better than while in the flesh. Considering the argument of Butler, the fact that he lives now, affords at least a presumption that he will ever live.

But I do not propose to prove immortality by reasoning upon the facts of the human being in particular, or upon those of nature in general, nor indeed by reasoning at all. My hope is merely to show that a belief in immortality can be applied to reason. Man always has believed in immortality, and it is safe to assume always will believe in it in some form or to some extent. Men of exceptional parts have declined and argued and demonstrated against this belief; but it has ever returned as Bonaparte's ghost to the evil, and as Pandora's hope to the good.

The belief in immortality does not owe

its origin to reason, and hence it cannot be overthrown by reason. Reason can add to it, may impair it, but can never destroy it.

LITTLE PHIL'S CHRISTMAS.

Written by a Lad Aged Ten Years.

Christmas eve was drawing near, and every body was very busy preparing for the holidays. The streets were crowded with people coming and going. The windows of all the leading stores were beautifully decorated and gave a pleasant appearance to everything around.

It was at one of these windows that our little hero, 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 Christmas would be. His mother whom he loved sincerely all his life had taken sick and died only a week ago, leaving Phil all alone in the world, for his father had died when he was a small child, so he had no one left to care for him. He did not know what to do; he had no place to go. The little home where he and his mother lived and with little furniture they had had been sold by the landlord. So it was that Phil was a wanderer in the streets.

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 said sternly: "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. Phil had just two dollars so he 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 the officer passed on.

When Phil entered the car it was crowded. He got a seat to the front of the car. All eyes were upon him as he looked so sad 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 lady who had been watching him since he entered went over to him and asked him what was the matter. Phil soon told her his sad story and when she heard it she, too, began to weep. At last she said:

"Do not cry my child I will take you home with me where you will spend a happy Christmas, for I have two little boys like you, and they will be kind to you, and I will be a mother to you. So don't cry, you will never be alone again."

These kind words spoken by the lady cheered Phil and he dried his tears. The train stopped just then and the lady told Phil to follow her. When they got off the car they walked two blocks and then stopped at a beautiful house. She said: "This is your home." Phil looked at the beautiful place which was lit up with lights; he was so excited he couldn't speak but his face told how happy he was. When they entered, the children were surprised to see the little boy with their mamma, and when they heard the story of little Phil they clapped their hands with joy and said Phil was their Christmas present. As for Phil, I need not tell you how happy he was for he was in his Uncle's house. Charles Loftus, 1306 Menzies avenue, Scranton, Pa.

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