

OUR FAITH

We are permitted to make the following extract from a private letter written by a gentleman from this State, who is now in Cuba for the benefit of his health. The letter is dated Havana, Feb. 12:

"Havana is an interesting place; not so much in the physical comforts it furnishes, as the character and manners and customs of the people and the institutions of government of the island. I find everything new and strange around me. Nothing but the habits of the locomotive sounds natural. Spanish life and Creole habits are as unlike those of our own people as black in white. The Spaniard, the Creole and the Negro—the three principal races of the island—represent nothing. They can imitate, and hence the use of the same carriages, agricultural implements, and furniture for their houses, that were used ages ago. I find a few Yankee implements here and there, but they are received with a great deal of contempt of a mechanical nature on the island is done by people from the States; but our Yankees do not seem to do as well here at home. They are surrounded with the Spanish prejudices and jealousy, and the climate has a tendency to render men inactive, both in body and mind. Let this island come under the power and influence of our Government for ten years—let its agriculture, commerce, and its political institutions, be brought out, and let the freed negro—more than a Republic be introduced here—more than all let religious freedom be introduced for a tyrannous power than I can describe, is now exercised by the Catholic Church upon the people—let such a state of things exist, and Cuba would be like the fabled Phoenix rising from its ashes. It would hardly be recognized by its own inhabitants, so great would be the change.

LOOK AT THE TWO PICTURES.—The following appears in a late number of The Louisville Democrat:

It is said that there are now in the limits of Cincinnati full three hundred negro families in a state of actual destitution and want. This does not include cases of individual suffering, but whole families, numbering from five to ten or more miserable creatures in each house. All of these are objects of charity, depending wholly upon the various charitable institutions in the city for their daily subsistence. This is a deplorable picture of the life of the negroes in a free city and a free State, where such intense sympathy is shown for their race. It is a picture that should be a warning to all who are in the City of a slave, the center of slavery, as it is denominated. You might search the city and county from one extreme to the other and not find a solitary case of destitution and want among our free population. Such facts as are here presented speak for themselves, and expose the fallacy and cost of the Abolitionist, who pretend to consider the slaveholders as the worst people on earth."

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