

### Our Cuban Correspondence.

The correspondence from Cuba, to be found in another column, is unusually comprehensive and interesting. It would seem, almost, that operations by the Spaniards in the field had been brought to a close, and that a campaign of bloody violence has been inaugurated in the large towns and cities throughout the island. Since poor Greenwath was cowardly assassinated in the streets of Havana a number of similar outrages have been perpetrated. The late butcheries in Santiago de Cuba, which resulted in eighteen persons, two of whom were American citizens, being summarily executed by orders of Valmaseda, are almost without a parallel of late years. It has come to this in Cuba at the present day, that no respect at all is paid to the representatives of the United States; for we find that the American Consul in Santiago de Cuba was powerless to stay, even for an hour, the execution of the two American citizens, John Francis Portuondo and Charles Dannery. Not alone to the island itself are these outrages confined, but in the waters surrounding Cuba are peaceful American trading vessels stopped, their flag insulted, and their seamen ill treated by Spanish men-of-war and the officers belonging to them. The worst of the whole matter is that the United States is compelled to bear all these indignities because the timid official who occupies the position of Secretary of State is afraid to perform his duty as an American statesman. It is humiliating to be compelled to chronicle almost daily insults to the American flag in Cuban cities and in the waters surrounding Cuba, and there is little chance for improvement until the American people shall demand of the government such protection to both its citizens and its marine as a good fleet of war vessels, commanded by captains not afraid to act, can influence.