

OBITUARY.

Gaspar Agüero Betancourt.

Gaspar Agüero Betancourt, who was captured with the lamented General Colecourtia by the Spaniards and garroted in Havana on the 14th inst., was born in Puerto Principe December 2, 1841. At the commencement of the war against Spain he joined the Cuban cause. His intell. and courage soon brought him into prominent notice and, he was appointed Governor of San Miguel. On the approach of Valmaseda he attacked his force with a handful of men but was unsuccessful, he and his men being captured. His gallant conduct on this occasion commanded the admiration of even the Spaniards, and he was treated with much respect. He was taken to Havana and sentenced to hard labor at Ceuto, but he soon escaped and came to the United States, where he remained a few months, sailing again for Cuba with despatches for Caspedes in February last. He reached him in safety, and was about returning again to this country, when he was captured and met with his untimely end. Gaspar Betancourt was a Freemason, in high standing among the craft, always working diligently for the good and advancement of the fraternity, and was one of the several brethren appointed to found the Lodge at