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A new governor general has arrived in Cuba, but he is not unknown to Cubans; for during the ten year's war, he was the right hand man of their mortal enemy, Valmaseda. From what we have heard of Martinez de Campos, we cannot help feeling respect for him; but with the advent of Weyler, a repetition of the horrors of the last disastrous struggle is to be feared. Here is a sample of some of Valmaseda's decrees given in 1869: "Every man from the age of fifteen years upward found away from his habitation and who does not prove a justified motive thereof shall be shot."

If the methods of the last war are to be renewed, God help the Cubans! I have lying before me an enormous list of those who from December, 1868, to March, 1873, were killed or banished for their interest in the Cuban cause. By killed, I do not mean those who fell on the battle field, but those who were put to death in cold blood by order of the Spanish government. The number of persons thus executed within this period, from 1868 to 1873, amounts to 2,927. In this bloody list I find forty nine hanged head downward in June, 1869, and seventy one sent to Jiguani to be tried, who were killed on the march by Colonel Palacios. A number of others were killed on the way to trial.

To these also belong Captain Fry and a great part of the crew of the *Virginus*, who was summarily executed, in spite of the efforts of the American consul at Santiago de Cuba. Had not Castelar, then president of the Spanish republic, hastened to satisfy the outraged feelings of the American people on this occasion, a war might have been precipitated, and Cuba might to-day possess its liberty or be a state of our Union. On this same list I discover the name of Rev. Francisco Esquemere, pastor of the parish of Yaguaramus, who was put to death on the accusation of having blessed the Cuban flag. The list of those who, during the same period, were captured by the Spaniards and whose fate has never been known amounts to 4,672. Perhaps death would have been preferable to what awaited them. And yet the war was only half over when these lists were published.

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