## VOICES OF FREEDOM.

## "Cuba Libre." <br> BY THE EDITOR.

Onward Cubans! On to glory: Lay the proud usurper low, Scatter death and devastation 'Mid the fierce invading foe.
For your ruined homes and harvests, For your villages laid waste;
For your wives and children murdered By the savage Spanish beast.
For your gallant leader slaughtered Lured by treachery and guile; He, whose blood has freely watered Freedom in your faithful Isle.
He who stood and fought so bravely In the cruel Ten Year's War ;
Bore upon his manly bosom Many a gash and seam and scar.
"Viva Cuba Libre"! rang these Words from out his dying throat:And the winds took up the echo And the world repeats the note,
Till it swellsi in chorus blending Over hill and vale and sea; Thrills with purpose firm, unending Still to fight for liberty :
To annihilate the dragon
That has fattened on the blood,
Toil and sweat of conquered nations, And has swam within the flood.
Since the days of Fiend Pizarro Shehas scourged the Western World: Carnage, murder, outrage, plunder Goes where'er her flag's unfurled.
Think not, proud Castilian tyrant, That the God of Freedom's dead:-
No! he lives, and soon shall shower Thunderbolts upon your head.
Like the shafts of swift destruction Shot by the immortal Jove
Upon those who have abandoned Freedom, justice truth and love.
Lo, the ghost of Montezuma Watching from empyrean heights,
Breathes his blast of death upon these Scorners of all human rights.
And they perish by the wayside, And they die within the camp:
Men aver 'tis caused by fever, Scorching sun, malarial damp.
Bolivar immortal hero, Who has wrested from her grasp Half a continent, now smiles to See her in her dying gasp.
The Lone Star of Cuba Libre, Rises o'er the gory plain,
Shaking in its folds, defiance Unto base and treacherous Spain.
Where the friends of justice, freedom In this great enlightened age?
That they let mediaeval tyrants Still blot History's virgin page

By such crimes as cruel Nero, Tyrant base of heathen Rome,
Would, if he were resurrected Blush in shame and grief to own.
Where is Britain in this crisis? "The defender of the weak"!
Are her arm and tongue so palsied She can neither strike nor speak?

Where the Southern Repubiics Who enjoy God-given rights Won from tne same heartless tyrant After many bloody fights?
And my country sits unheeding Careless of her sister's woe,
Though her thousand wounds are bleeding Aud the pulse of Hope is low.

Rise my country 'bove the sordid Love of peace and greed of gainHelp to strike from off your sister Europe's galling, cruel chain. And America, the nurse Of transatlantic liberty -
You have helped by sword and purse, Now speak the word and she is free. Broken every tentacle, The European Octopus Shall retire to his den, and Leave the Continent to us.

## The Canadian Almanac.

From the Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont. We have received The Canadian Almanac for 1897.
This is the fiftieth year of publication of this well-known Annual, and its size has been increased to 354 pp . Among the new features are a short History of Canada, giving the main events in Canadian History, chronologically arranged, an Historical Diary of the years 1895-96, and an interesting article on the King's Loyalists.
The regular departments of the Almanac have been brought up to date, among them being that invaluable Post Office Gazetteer of the Dominion, giving the name of every place in Canada, with the railroad or steamship lines on which located or nearest railway station.
The Official Directory has beer carefully revised, and contains full lists of Clergy, Militia, Government Officials both Dominion and Provincial, County and Municipal Officers, Schools and Colleges, Barristers and Solicitors, Notaries, etc.
Among other information is a list of Banks and Branches, Customs Tariff, and an article on the government of all countries in the world by Dr. Bourinot.
The usual mass of interesting Statistics and Astronomical Calculations is given, and the Almanac is embellished with engravings of prominent persons and public buildings.
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