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MISCELLANY.

[From the Augusta Constitutionalist.] Letter from the Hon. A. B. Longstreet on Know Nothingism.

We find in the last number of the Nashville Union and American, a letter on this absorbing question, from this distinguihed native Georgian, now President of the University of Mississippi. The name of Augustus B. Longstreet is endeared to the people of Georgia by many ties in the history of the past. It is a name which we were taught to revere in early youth as synonymous with all that was bold and fearless in the character of the advocate, with all that was parental and dignified in the sage instructor, and with all that was pure and honest and unright in the minister of the gospel. The old men of Georgia have been accustomed to love him as a brother; the young men, scattered throughout the State, who, from his lips, have heard the lessons of wisdom, continue to receive him as a father. There is no man in Georgia who will dare to stand from impure motives. The indignant of an ous effort. Judge Longstreet has been speak upon this question; but having come out, he has met the issue with that boldness and honesty which characterizes the man. He speaks to the people in the voice of warning wisdom, and tells them to beware of an organization which must lead to religious intolerance and persecution.

The circumstances which led to the publication of this letter arose from an attack demeanor, study and progress among the made upon the Judge by the Memphis Ea- students, and for ardent attachment between

condemn the order in the terms to be found respects, it stands at the head of 103 out of in the extracts below. Let every Georgian 118 Colleges in the United States; and of

organization in the country—secret in its than probably ever beset an Institution be movements, and going under the name of fore. From Youtness, the principles a unuer of politics. Your sons graduate in politics stood to be opposition to Catholics and before they come to the University. Foreigners, to be, planned in the dark, strengthened by oaths and manifested at the ballot-box. It filled me with alarms.

"I saw in it the elements of rapid expansion the class that graduated in that month, and ment in and about Oxford at least; but it is that very forecast which is raising a buzz of discontent against me in this vicinity now.

"This is the sin which brought out against me the recondite presses which I have named above. It is called "dabbling in politics," chance, to be sacrificed. They that stoned the head of Know Nothings, not mine. the Prophets of old are yet alive, and why Look at their fruits already scattered through should I expect a better fate than theirs? the land, and surely you will approve of my made of my old carcass, than the offering dren will. "By their fruits shall we know of it upon the altar of this American Baal. them." What are they? Most desperate and An incense might arise from it that would dangerous agitation—Churches rendering do more to purify the Church and the asunder—pastors and flocks at variance— State from this modern abomination, than Christians losing all confidence in each other anything which can emanate from my poor frost-covered brain. The public has now the sum total of my political sins, public and private. - I shall speak at large of the new order in an appeal to my Church at some futur day, if I may be allowed to do so. I am committed against it, and I shall oppose it forever—not in the class room, but every where else—not as a puritan, but as a Christain. This the patrons of the University should know. I could not be induced to assure a position of neutrality in regard to it. If all experience be not a falsehood, and all history a fable, it will throw this country into ceaseless convulsions, if it be not crushed, and that speedily.

"In my view, every man who has a scru-ple's influence, should rise against it—now immediately, ere it be forever too late. Indeed it allows no neutrality. With all its professed Americauism, it assumes an absolute dictatorship. It will allow no man to question its purity or its policy. It gathers within its pale, men of dignity, talent and piety, preachers and teachers, and with them the most deprayed; abandoned, desperate, God-defying singer upon earth; binds them by oaths in the bonds of fellowship and sets them all to work in politics, and nothing them all to work in pointers, and nothing but politics. I find a christain brother a mong them—I read to him II Cor. vi. 14, and on, and I implore him to come out-from such contections; and he addresses me in two thirds of my over Church (I judge) to the content of my over Church (I judge) to the politics. The Francisco will be against me—two thirds of my over Church (I judge) to the politics. The Francisco will be against me—two thirds of my over Church (I judge) to the politics. The Francisco will be against me—two thirds of my over Church (I judge) to the brute-forc class of men, who alone seem capable of rising to do with Foltics. The Francisco will be against me—the Trustees will be again but politics. I find a christain brother a-

saints reprove me. I reprove the saints, and commonly attacked. Be it so. I have done na. It is said that the English failed, not not what would.

insults me for assailing Know Nothings. If I preach that the love of Christ is not bounded by State lines, it charges me with attacking the article of its creed against foreign-

"I am a teacher: If I teach that unlawful promises are not binding, I shall be charged with justifying the exposure of Know Nothing secrets. If I set the lesson to my pupils wherein J. B. Say says that up and say that A. B. Longstreet speaks accession of treasure, I am to be published every accession of a man to a country is an from impure motives. The indignant of an to the world as indectrinating my pupils and sixteen days later, October 28, he dishonest people would paralyse the sacrileginanti-Know Nothing politics. As I am covered Cuba. He gave to it the name of forced from his retirement to come out and had as well take it by the horns at once. Let the order keep its hands off me, the Church, and the Constitution, and I will never disturb it.

ny and kindly feeling among the faculty, for good order, good morals, gentlemanly gle and Enquirer, charging him with preaching anti-Know Nothing doctrines.

After alluding to the editors of that padred institution in the world. For its age, per, who have assailed him as the head of the Mississippi University, he proceeds to and rank in the United States. In these read them carefully and ponder over them those above it, a large majority are over well, whether he be Know Nothing or antiforty years older than itself, and three over "In July last I had just heard of a new has attained through more adverse fortunes one hundred years older. And this rank it

"It is now in its palmiest days, and this you see is one of the objects of Know Nothing vandalism. It has already, I fear, thrown a fire brand into its peaceful halls. I apand awful explosion. I exhibited them to peal to you to come to the rescue. Rise up as one man against it, when it invades forewarned them to have nothing to do with the sanctuary of literature, instead of reit. Had I been inspired, I could hardly quiring your professors to kneel in its presquiring your professors to kneel in its pres-ence. I am sure there are yet more than have foreshadowed its history more accurately than I did. Of my prediction nothing remains to be fulfilled, but the outpouring of more blood. My forecast in relation Baal. I call them to its help. Honest yeoto it, ought to ensure respect for my judg- manry, and farmers of the land, who always mean right, come ye to its succor! Honest, well meaning Know Nothings, who in thoughtless moment have been drawn into he had sailed to the west in the hope and the order, come out of it, and rally to the expectation of arriving at-a belief in con-

Well, I do not know that a better use could be opposition to it. If you do not, your chil--Saints and sinners in close embrace; Preachers of the same Church getting but half congregations and half support-one looking on approvingly, while another is abused-Teachers tottering-their pupils in midnight cliques-friendship severingsumes her seat.

"Nations, like men, run mad at times, and them. Still while there is hope, all good men should strive to relieve them.

such a combination is not enough to make the best legacy that I could leave to my the Church and State both shudder, I know children; a record proof that neither place,

As there is strong probability of Cuba becoming sooner or later one of the States of the Union, it is well that something be known of her history.

Cuba is one of the oldest parts of America, dating its age from the time of its discovered Cuba. He gave to it the name of Juana, in honor of Juan, eldest son of Ferdinand and Isabella. This name was afterward changed to Santiago, after St. James, the celestial patron of the Spaniards, who is popularly supposed to have been in the Spanish service, and to have slain a great many Moors, Mexicans, and Protestants. Perhaps he has retired from that service, which may account for the very small number of victories won by the Spanish arms during the last two centuries When Ferdinand died, it was deemed proper to compliment his memory by They suffered, just as we have seen their

Ave Maria was bestowed upon Cuba, by stood a siege of six weeks, counting from way of signalizing their devotion to her. Spanish geographers have called the island batteries. This was better work than the Example to christen the place the District within the pare of the Pagan name of Cuba has clung to it. and is now, and has been for a long time, It was of the value of about fifteen millthe only one by which it is known to the world. Nor Christian nor Spaniard has been able to displace the Pagan and Indian the Spaniards: An attack made twenty appellation. What the natives called it years earlier had failed of success. when Columbus first trod its soil, that is now its name, with perhaps some corrup- from that country's loss of her great colotion or diminution, but not enough to affect the truth of the general proposition. It is a strange instance of tenacity, when we recollect how very generally native names have given way to those of Europe-

Columbus died in the belief that Cuba was a part of the continent of Asia, which honest truth, to get in the outs, and get out place settled on the island, was originally the ins. This is the true object of the order, the capital; and the dignity was conferred Well, it must take its course till reason re- on Santiago da Cuba in 1522. Havana have followed the overthrow of Spanish asowed its rise to a misfortune. It was taken and burned by the French, in 1538, and when nothing but time and blood-letting can cure rebuilt it was fortified. These fortifications and I will stake my all upon the issue; but became the greatest place in the island, a I am not such a coward as to flee the field position which it has ever since maintained. of honorable warfare, for savage ambush The French, however, who seemed to have fighting; or such a fool as to believe that had a sort of spite against the Havana, a man's religion is to be reformed by har- took it a second time, in 1554, and destroyassing his person. Nor am I quite so blind ed it; but this did not prevent the seat of as not to see, that when the work of crushing overnment from being maintained there, ing Churches is begun in this country, it is The Spaniards were then looking to the

the sinners denounce me! The saint shields my duty, and I leave the consequences with because of the valor of the Spaniards, but the sinner, and the sinner the saint. If God, and here sign my name to what I deem "having landed on a very dark night, they became so terrified, according to the Spanish authorities, by the noise of the land children; a record proof that neither place, ish authorities, by the noise of the land Leavenworth and Breckenridge, in which nor policy, nor temporal interest, nor friend-crabs, and the flitting light of the fire flies, the former was mortally, and the latter "On me the new Order bears with intol-ship, nor church, nor threatening storms which they took for an enemy in ambus-"On me the new Order bears with intolerable pressure. It rises before me like the ghost of Banquo, at my every step in the pathway of duty.

"I am a preacher: If I preach npon the sanctity of oaths, it regards itself insulted, and attacks me accordingly. If I preach to christians to come out from the winked it.

Augustus B. Longstreet.

A Brief History of Cuba.

"Ship, nor church, nor threatening storms from the from every quarter, could move their father for an instant from principle, or awe him into silence when the cause of God and his country required him to speak.

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—should they go there at all—better versed as we can gather them from the friends of in the natural history of the island.

ica, dating its age from the time of its discovery by Europeans. With the exception of Hayti and some small unimportant islands, it was the first place discovered by Columbus in his great voyage. It was on the 12th of October, 1492, that Columbus landed on the little island of San Salvador, and sixteen days later October 28 he discovered by the government of the United States—ting, during the last session of Congress. Mr. Leavenworth is a young man about town, respectably connected, but of idle and dissipated labits. They are both single men, and members of the "Shakstandar of the boxes of Boundary Color of the boxes of Boundary Color of the Color of the boxes of Boundary Color of the Spanish empire passed into the possession of Congress. Mr. Leavenworth is a young man about town, respectably connected, but of idle and dissipated labits. They are both single men, and members of the "Shakstandar of the last session of Congress. Mr. Leavenworth is a young man about town, respectably connected, but of idle and dissipated labits. They are both single men, and members of the "Shakstandar of the last session of Congress. Mr. Leavenworth is a young man about town, respectably connected, but of idle and dissipated labits. They are both single men, and members of the "Shakstandar of the Color of the Spanish empire passed into the possesthan the buccaniers of our day have been tucky, who had the difficulty with Mr. Cutthe Spanish empire passed into the possession of the house of Bourbon, Cuba went with the rest of "the Indies." In 1762 the English sent a great fleet and army to Cuba, under the command of Sir George Pecoke and the Earl of Albermarle. There were quite a number of Americans in this force. the Havana, early in June, after a prelimi-

nary naval victory.

Although the Spaniards made a very valiant resistance, and were superior in numbers to the English, the latter succeeded in all their operations, though not without having experienced much ions of dollars? On the restoration of peace, the English abandoned their conquest to The importance of Cuba to Spain dates

nies. Stripped of everything in the West except Cuba and Porto Rico, the former Island is now to Spain what his last dollar is to the foolish prodigal. Its value has been greatly increased by circumstances, and it is very natural that Spain should hold on to it with all her might. Its insular po- and Mr. James M. Pendleton volunteered sition is favorable to the continuance of to act as bearer of the missive, and to be- there?" she said, "for sure he never could me the recondite presses which I have named above. It is called "dabbling in politics," above. It is called "dabbling in politics," but its true name is "Unpalatable Truth."

This is the sin for which I am soon, per
The seconds Thore that conduct of the Philadelphia police, and the rest and bred under the "code of honor," acof that age, but which exerted a very prejof the geographical knowledge of the cepted the invitation to Canada, and inviattitude which may perchance injure the dhis friend Mr. Middleton, of South CarUniversity for a time; but be the fault on jurious to the cause of scientific discovery.

A lieutenant of the Philadelphia police, of the geographical knowledge of that age, but which exerted a very prejof the geographical knowledge of the cepted the invitation to Canada, and inviattitude which may perchance injure the dudicial effect on his fortunes, and was inudicial effect on his fortunes, and was inof the Philadelphia police, of the cepted the invitation to Canada, and inviattitude which may perchance injure the conduct of of the geographical knowledge of the cepted the conduct of the provide the conduct of the conduct of the provide the conduct of the provide the conduct of the provide the conduct of the conduct Diego Columbus, son and successor of the great admiral, founded the first Spanish settlement in Cuba, in 1511. He sent Disort of place of arms to Spain in the West, ego Velasquez—the same gentleman who whence she could operate against the "reb-cuts so awkward a figure in the history of the els" of the main-land; and it was from Cuconquest of Mexico-to Cuba, with several ba that the last expedition against Mexico on the Canadian border, settled the prelimhundred men. In three years a very ex- sailed, in the expectation of being able to tensive examination of Cuba was made. restore the royal rule there. But it was not Several towns were founded, either in the destined to be quite so successful as the centre of the island, or on its southern armament that Cortez led against the same coast. The original Havana was on the country, from the same island, more than south side of Cuba. It was founded in three hundred years before; and in repell-1515, and was called San Cristobal de la ing it, Santa Anna won his brightest lau-Habana; but the name and seat of government were transferred to the present Havana, which was founded in 1519, they are now in a state of anarchy, which death of Leavenworth, and the liability of rage taking the place of love—father against son—brother against brother. These things son—brother against brother. These things though it did not become the capital until they call independence, and which, after all, all engaged in the affair to indictment and they proclaim, trumpet-ton—gued, what is coming, if the monster be not gued, what is coming, if the monster be not as a good deal of excitement of Spain. Baracoa, the first general under which Spanish America so in the upper circles of this city where the "Tis only the echo of the Court, my Lord,"—"Tis only the echo of the Court, my Lord, "Lord,"—"Tis only the echo of the Court, my Lord,"—"Tis only the echo of the Court, my Lord, "Lord,"—"Tis only the echo of the Court, my Lord, "Lord, long was compelled to exist.

We hear much about the miseries that cendancy in those immense regions that lie between California and Cape Horn, but how absurd it is to infer that things there made it a comparatively safe place to visit, have changed for the worse? That ascend-which, with the excellence of the harbor, ancy was fatal to all freedom of speech. Of course is taken—carefully, thoughtfully ta-ken. I am no Catholic. Put Methodism and Romanism on the field of fair argument, town grew in importance, and ultimately ny were perpetrated in silence; but of the caused the treasure ships to touch there on all the wrong that was perpetrated, the errors of freedom, or rather of her less intelligent, or more selfish disciples, all the world's papers furnish ample accounts. What was then the character of govern- to the use of deadly weapons. But so long ment over the greater part of the continent is now known in Cuba, and must soon be essentially modified even there. The sway of the sword cannot much longer be maintained in a country situated, as Cuba is, so near to free communities, whose example

Pistol and Coffee Philosophy.

A duel has come off in earnest, we learn between a couple of members of the "Shakspeare Club," of this city—Messrs.

the combatants, are these:-Mr. Brecken-The buccaniers of the seventeenth century—who were much more encouraged by the government of France and England ew of the Hon. Mr. Breckenridge of Kentuckian, engaged in the practice of law in this city, and a nephework of the Hon. Mr. Breckenridge of Kentuckian, engaged in the government of France and England

This Club has been recently established. Its head quarters are in Broadway, nearly critical sneaks who denounce the duelist, opposite the New York Hotel. The Club while plotting against the rights and repuis not, as its name might indicate, an association for literary purposes; but is rather of a social and sumptuary character. It is The army was landed not far from composed of a large number of highly reamd the devils in Tartarus. And yet we spectable gentlemen, with a liberal sprink-ling of the theatrical profession; and pre-sided over in its organic institution by Mr. James De Pyster Ogden, one of our most

estimable and accomplished citizens. They suntered, just as we have seen their giving to the island the name of Fernandina.

In after days, when the inhabitants were supposed to be particularly strong in their regard for the Virgin Mary, the name of August, the Havana surrendered, having the Maria was bestowed upon Cuba by strong of six weeks counting from members to the society or the suppers of the club. This point, as we understand the course of the discussion, Breckenridge recourse of the discussion, Breckenridge remarked to Leavenworth, that he "had better pay up his arrears to the Club before taking that side of the question," whereupon the latter waxed exceeding wroth and called Breckenridge "a damned liar," who, in reply,

It was then decided by the friends of wife in a gentle way, by telling her that her Leavenworth that the insult he had received husband would probably soon be in the demanded a challenge to "mortal combat;" world of spirits. Spanish power there, and to that alone was come the second of his friend. Mr. Breck- get enough here." owing that Cuba did not go the way of enridge, as a chivalrous Kentuckian, born

For the rest, all we have heard, is that the parties met on Tuesday, somewhere upinaries and fired pistols at each other at thirty paces; that Leavenworth is mortally wounded by a shot through the head; and that Breckenridge is slightly hurt.

This latest "affair of honor," is, of course the town talk of the day. All the parties implicated in the duel are well known, and death of Leavenworth, and the liability of parties are best known.

some taking one side in the dispute and pose with technical objections. While putsome the other; while "the moral sense of ting them, again the donkey brayed. "One the comunity" is, as usual, terribly shocked at a time, if you please," said the retaliating at the stern exactions of that "law among joker. gentlemen" which demands the settlement of an insult at the risk of a double death. But we are not disposed to censure the parties to this affair, nor to lament unavailingly over the result.

No doubt the difficulty might, and should have been adjusted, without resort be honor, glory and immortality to take this question, General

his life is worth to his friends and to the community in which he resides. Notwithstanding what Hamlet says about the Al-mighty having "fixed his canon gainst selfslaughter," we do not remember any "pro-hibitory law" in the code of Moses, or the

hibitory law" in the code of Moses, or the code of Christ, against felo-de-se.

For a good and useful citizen to commit suicide would be a public calamity—a public robbery of the blessings a good man confers upon the community. But for a miserable, wretched vagabond, who produces nothing and consumes averathing. ces nothing and consumes everything-a mere encumbrance—an eating cancer up-on the body politic—a disgrace to his friends and a curse to himself, why, we don't know but Judas is about the best "model man" for all such poor devils to imitate. And as for duelling, in the abstract, we do not think it is any worse than slander, or back-biting, or the bearing of false witness against one's neighbor.

The best men that have ever graced the

earth have met their enemies in the deadly encounter of the duel; and when we compare the general lives of such men as Hamilton, Clay, and Jackson, with the hypotations of their neighbors, (the Carson League spies, for instance,) the contrast is as wide as between the gods on Olympus do not advocate duelling; although it is by no means the blackest of human crimes.

We admit that it is a wrong way of settling a wrong. But nations claiming to be Christian are governed by the same san-Like all other associations of the kind, the members of the "Shakspeare" are governed by certain rules of the club—which that in the individual which we applaud in

IN A BAD WAY.—"I advise tapping," matter, was under discussion on Saturday evening last, when Breckenridge insisted upon the rigor of the excluding rule; while The father of a family, a hard drinker, was Leavenworth, who has been in the habit of bloated with the dropsy to the size of a bar-vulgarly, but expressively called "suckers," for your, our the size of a bartook the opposite ground, advocating the opening of the doors, not only to the out tapped. The old man consented, but one of town acquaintances, as is usual, but also of the boys, more filial than the rest, blubto the city friends of the members. In the "But why don't avou want father to be

enridge "a damned liar," who, in reply, the same sort, and when he found him near threw his glove in the face of Leavenworth. his end, he sought to break the news to his

"And won't he be glad when he gets

A lieutenant of the Philadelphia police, tle girl, [only a poor white child,] whose faaround the neck with a rope which was stretched tightly to the ceiling of sufficient length to prevent her setting down or moving. The rope had been placed around her neck in order to keep her awake to attend a cradle, and was fixed so that if she had fallen asleep she would have been strangled. She was taken by the policeman to a station house.

LEGAL AND JUDICIAL WIT .- A gentleman who practised wit and professed law thought that he could overcome the purster answered Councellor Ready-tongue. Noths We hear severe denunciations of princing disconcerted, the Judge resumed his pals and seconds to this unfortunate quarrel, address, but soon the barrister had to inter-

> AN EDITOR'S OWN DRINK .- According to the Princeton Kentuckian, the following is a recipe for the exclusive drink of Mo-Goodwin, the magnificently funny editor of; the Paducah American:

Take one pint good whiskey, stir in wellione spoonful of whiskey, then add another pint of whiskey; beat carefully with a spoon. add to the above. Flavor with white

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