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A NEW ISSUE—CUBA.

In view of the disastrous results of the late political contests, it has been suggested in certain influential quarters that the Administration should urge upon the country a new issue. It is argued that there is no political dogma which would more certainly combine all parties, and ensure a cordial support to the party in power, than the proposition to acquire new and valuable territory. The Richmond *South* warmly supports this opinion. It says: "We have every reason to believe that a proposition for the acquisition of more territory would unite the manufacturing and commercial interests with those of the staple States of the South, and thus effect an immediate dissolution and dispersion of the coalition recently formed at the North. Let, then, the Administration throw before the coalition the golden apple of acquisition."

There is much plausibility in this view. The people of the United States possess, in an eminent degree, the instinct of territorial aggrandizement derived from their Anglo-Saxon ancestry. No nation on the face of the earth displays greater aptitude for colonizing, and succeeds more promptly and effectually in engrafting its institutions, civil and religious, and its language upon other races. Wide, almost boundless, as is the land given to us by God, we sigh for more. We deem ourselves chosen by a divine ordinance to extend the American name, party and tongue over the entire continent. The most progressive amongst us, the most Anglo-Saxon and stagnant-principled acknowledge that this consummation must be brought about in the fullness of time, while bolder and more adventurous spirits conceive that it may be materially hastened by an energetic and vigorous policy. This rooted idea of the supremacy of the United States renders the prospect of territorial expansion irresistibly attractive, and hence it is more than probable that the Administration, or part of it, which puts forth a clear and well-defined policy on this subject, and carries it out without hesitating or backsliding, will, in spite of sectional differences and bitter partisan feuds, secure the sympathies and cooperation of the masses throughout the country.

We think the President might judiciously avail himself of the suggested programme. Every one understands that it points to Cuba. Other portions of North America will be ours in due season. Mexico cannot long be suffered to wallow in anarchy and blood. Central America must be rescued from the danger of a progressive relapse into barbarism. But the possession of Cuba is a pressing necessity. Politically and commercially Cuba is of paramount importance. With that island we become impregnable to all assaults without it we remain vulnerable in the vital parts of our strength. Cuba will enrich us by her fertility, and fortify us by her strategic position. No statesman has been more sensible of these truths than Mr. Buchanan himself. He has promulgated them in eloquent and perspicuous language in the Ostend manifesto. He has repeatedly said that he was resolved to bequeath to the United States as the inestimable heritage of his administration. A golden opportunity for testing his sincerity now offers itself. We don't ask him to counsel or connive at disturbance. He is not required to purchase any other Island, just and lawful policy. We take many a mistake and well grounded capture of complaint against Spain, which we might, if a specific event to the utmost, if it says: "We have every reason to believe that a proposition for the acquisition of more territory would unite the manufacturing and commercial interests with those of the staple States of the South, and thus effect an immediate dissolution and dispersion of the coalition recently formed at the North. Let, then, the Administration throw before the coalition the golden apple of acquisition."

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