

## **Cuban Charitable Aid Society—Lecture by Hon. A. T. Requier.**

Hon. A. T. REQUIER delivered a lecture at Cooper Institute, last evening, on "The House That Jack Built," for the benefit of the Cuban Charitable Aid Society, before a large audience. In adverting to the object for which the lecture was given, Mr. REQUIER reviewed the history of the Cuban revolt. Originating with twelve devoted, brave and self-sacrificing Cubans, in the short interval of eighteen months it had developed so rapidly in the face of fearful obstacles that it entitled those engaged in it to the rights of belligerents. Their bravery and devotion excited the sympathy and admiration of lovers of freedom the world over, and while they relied on their own unaided exertions in the attainment of their glorious purpose they asked and expected from the people of this great and free nation, sympathy and recognition. But alas! for the boasted love of freedom of the Government of the United States, the request is met with prompt and decisive refusal. Their ships of war discovered within our waters are seized and confiscated, and the chief City of the Empire State is made a dock-yard, a magazine and an arsenal for the Spanish oppressor. The lecturer maintained that in its present policy toward Cuba our Government was untrue to the principles of the national Constitution which were based on universal liberty. The spirit of the Constitution in its grandeur and wisdom had provided for the struggling nationalities by legal enactments, but in this instance everything seemed to be forgotten in an ignoble dread of provoking the resentment of Spain. Even the justification of self-preservation and national advancement does not induce it to the performance of its duty, but it boldly and unblushingly violates and absolutely reverses it. He insisted that the action of the United States first called the Cubans to insurrection, and its people fully accorded them their sympathy and would give them their support, and it only remained for this Government to follow the path of duty and right, and recognize them as belligerents. In conclusion, the lecturer remarked that a cause blessed by so many martyrs and immortalized by the bravery of its supporters could not fall of success, and the beautiful isle would yet occupy the position among nations which God and nations designed she should maintain.