

RECOGNITION OF CUBA.

A Grand Movement in Favor of Cuba—

“The Cuban League of the United States”—(Generals and Other Distinguished Men in the Order.

At length the long expressed sympathy of the people of the United States with the struggling patriots of Cuba is attaining a definite form, and there seems to be every prospect of a grand, universal demonstration throughout the country in favor of immediate action by Congress in behalf of the Cubans. The distinguished gentlemen at the head of the movement, and the celerity with which they have effected a large organization, gives every assurance of success; and in a short time the voice of the American people will probably be so consolidated in its appeals to Congress for the recognition of Cuba that the national legislature will scarcely hesitate to accord belligerent rights to the struggling republic.

The project of forming a league in this country devoted to the independence of Cuba has long been discussed among many of the most prominent citizens of New York, and on the night of the 7th inst. several gentlemen met at Delmontco's for the purpose of taking some action on the subject. Among those present were General M. T. McMahon, late American Minister to Paraguay; Colonel Ethan Allen, Bernard Casserly, P. A. Hargous, D. S. Lamson, Edward A. Raymond, Douglas Taylor, Wilmer S. Wood, Robert Avery, Charles W. Darling, J. Ricketts Lawrence, John Oakey, Edward C. Stedman, G. H. Van Alen, Gideon J. Tucker and James Betts Metcalf. General McMahon was elected president and Mr. Metcalf secretary of the organization, the object of which was set forth by the following unanimously adopted resolution:—

Resolved, That this organization be called “The Cuban League of the United States,” and that its purpose shall be to give practical consolidation to the sentiment of American citizens and the moral support of the same in securing to Cuba, by all legal means, the inalienable right of self-government.

The above-named gentlemen were appointed a committee to invite prominent citizens to another meeting, at the same place, on the night of the 12th, on which occasion there was a very large attendance. Eloquent speeches were made by General McMahon, Colonel Allen and others, and Mr. Lowry, the counsel for the Cuban Junta, gave a very interesting narrative of the interviews between the Cuban agents in this country and the government at Washington. The following resolutions were adopted:—

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Senator Sherman and to General Logan for the steps initiated by them to procure the immediate recognition of the state of civil war now existing in Cuba; and we desire those gentlemen to press their respective resolutions until their object is attained.

Resolved, also, That the thanks of every true American are due to those other members of Congress in both houses who have expressed the universal American sentiments of sympathy with our neighbors who are now striving to obtain the right of self-government.

These resolutions were signed by a committee consisting of the following persons:—M. T. McMahon, President; James Betts Metcalf, Secretary; J. H. Van Alen, Joseph Hayes, Granville P. Hawes, Daniel S. Lamson, Alexander Shaler, J. M. Macias, Charles W. Darling, H. M. Porter, T. F. Neville, A. M. C. Smith, Ethan Allen, Gordon Granger, John Oakey, Edward A. Raymond, J. Mansfield Davies, William Myers Hoea, P. F. McDonald, A. Duryea.

The following resolutions were also adopted:—

Resolved, That a committee be appointed by the Chair, with instructions to communicate forthwith with the friends of Cuba in the principal cities of the Union, informing such friends of the existence of “The Cuban League of the United States,” enclosing a copy of the resolution of organization and requesting a similar organization immediately as a branch body under the same resolution, with a view of holding a public mass meeting in such principal cities throughout the Union on the same night, and to take such other steps as to such friends may seem advisable to secure the objects of this League.

Resolved, That the friends who may be addressed with the object as expressed in the above resolution, be requested to return an answer to the Committee on Correspondence as soon as they have complied with the request made and prepared to call a mass meeting; after which the time of meeting will be announced to all by the President of the League.

Resolved, That the friends of Cuba, addressed as directed in the above resolution, be also requested to prepare a petition to Congress requesting its aid in behalf of Cuba; and, after obtaining all the signatures possible to the same, that such petition be returned to General M. T. McMahon, President of the Cuban League of the United States, No. 215 Broadway, New York city, to be forwarded to the proper authorities at Washington.

The following committees were appointed:—

Committee to prepare petitions to Congress asking recognition of belligerent rights to Cuba:—General Charles W. Darling, Captain Edward A. Raymond, Colonel D. S. Lamson, Major A. M. C. Smith, Jr., and Mr. Douglas Taylor.

Committee on Public Meetings for the same purpose:—General J. Mansfield Davies, Colonel John Oakey, Mr. Douglas Taylor, Colonel G. P. Hawes and Mr. W. M. Hoea.

Committee to correspond with other cities with a view to form similar organizations:—General M. T. McMahon, General J. H. Van Alen, General Joseph Hayes, Colonel D. S. Lamson, General A. Shaler, General C. W. Darling, Colonel J. M. Macias, Colonel H. M. Porter, S. N. Neville, Major A. M. C. Smith, Jr.; P. A. Hargous, Douglas Taylor, William S. Wood, James Betts Metcalf, Colonel Ethan Allen, General Gordon Granger, John Oakey, Captain Ed. A. Raymond, General J. Mansfield Davies, W. M. Hoea, P. F. McDonald, A. Dwyre, Bernard Casserly, Robert Avery, J. Ricketts Lawrence, Ed. C. Stedman and Gideon J. Tucker.

Committee to raise funds:—General Joseph Hayes, General Alexander Shaler, Mr. G. P. Lowrey, Colonel Ethan Allen, Colonel G. T. Hawes, Colonel John Oakey, Colonel D. S. Lamson, General C. W. Darling, Colonel J. M. Macias; Colonel H. M. Porter.

One thousand dollars were contributed to defray the expenses of the preliminary movements of the League, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday night for the purpose of perfecting the organization. Special invitations will be issued to such as are desired to be present, but the public generally will be invited to participate in the movement.