The Griefs of Madrid and Glories of New York.

Spain and the Spanish people remain involved in a most distressing mesh of contradictions—contradictions of principle, of politics, of natural feeling and Christianity. The revolutionary government was based on the platform of "liberty, equality and fraternity." To-day we find by our cable telegrams from Europe that the demand of the people of Cuba for the right of managing their own affairs is treated either with the most peremptory denial or the advice to "abandon" the island to its next powerful neighbor. Not much liberty there. General Prim stated to the Cortes yesterday that he had just been pelted with stones in the streets of Madrid. Fraternity, but in a very troublesome shape. Prim says the government will "deal summarily" with such disorders in future. The Spaniards know exactly what the words "deal summarily" mean, coming from the lips of General Prim. The citizens of Madrid may not, therefore, be likely to attempt to fraternize with him in a "rough and tumble" manner for some time again. The remains of Prince Henri de Bourbon, coffined with Masonic emblems, were escorted to the church by the Masonic society, of which body he had been a member. Seeing this the priests removed the church crosses and religious decorations from the coffin, and refused to officiate either near to it or at the grave.

New York, as we have always maintained in our columns, is not so bad after all. Our citizens would free Cuba before dinner hour to-day if they could. His Honor the Mayor, with "every other man" in the municipality, will be out "fraternizing" with St. Patrick and hobnobbing with the faithful children of the Green Isle within a few hours. On the 15th instant and yesterday, both days combined, the Freemasons of New York occupied and paid for over three columns of the HERALD pages in announcing the death and funeral of one brother, the late Robert D. Holmes. On which side of the Atlantic are the liberty, equality and fraternity? New York gives the reply.