

BANQUET TO GENERAL JORDAN.

Brilliant Entertainment at Delmonico's Last Evening.

In recognition of his distinguished services on behalf of the independence of Cuba, General Jordan was last evening entertained by the Cuban Junta at a banquet given at Delmonico's. The affair was rather of a private character, there not being more than thirty gentlemen present. It was none the less cordial, however, for throughout the entire evening he was the modest recipient of eulogistic compliments. The President of the Junta Señor Aldama, presided, and to his right sat the guest of the evening. In the vicinity of the Chair were Philosopher Greeley, N. P. de Leon, H. Penñero, G. F. Lowery; there being also present, among others, C. H. Dana, General M. T. McMahon, of the Cuban League; Colonel Agramonte, P. Rivero, W. B. Phillips, Frederico Fes-er, Colonel Hernandez, P. M. Revcro, José Vallento, C. M. Clay, &c. The chairman, in proposing the health of General Jordan, alluded in appropriate terms and paid a fitting tribute to his faithful career, and stated that the Junta felt exceedingly grateful for his services.

General Jordan replied at some length, reviewing his advent in Cuba, the general situation of the island, and alluded in feeling terms to the course which the American government had pursued in reference to the great cause of Cuban liberty. He said he was thrown out of his employment as a soldier at the termination of the late war, having fought on the Southern side. When he went to Cuba he did not believe the negro was fitted for freedom; nevertheless, as an act of policy after the abolition of slavery in this country he counselled with his friends to emancipate their slaves, and by the conduct which they showed after their emancipation he was satisfied that they deserved their freedom. (Applause) He went to Cuba, with forty-seven Cubans, to help to organize the troops and discipline them, for he believed that organization and discipline only were necessary to enable them drive the Spaniards into the sea. After giving an interesting narrative of the present posture of affairs, and expressing a hope that the day was at hand when the independence of the island would be proclaimed, he concluded by stating that he had not seen any of the patriots engaged in battle who did not display an inflexible purpose to free Cuba. Such people ought to have liberty and must have liberty. Arms were obtained by the Spaniards from American ports. He would soon return, but a great deal would have to be done by American friends, and he would guarantee that Cuba in a short time would be a free and independent State, to assume her lot as she might elect.

Mr. PHILLIPS read a letter from Mayor Hall regretting his absence, owing to his participating in the ceremonies of the Tammany Society upon the occasion of the installation of sachems. The communication, after expressing admiration for General Jordan's career, referred to the recent murder of Goicouria and the apathy of American generals and American statesmen in relation thereto.

Speeches were subsequently delivered by Messrs. Greeley, Townsend, Dana, Penñero, Clay, General Cluseret, General McMahon, Fessee and others, and the memory of Goicouria having been drunk in solemn silence, the very pleasant and hospitable entertainment was brought to a close.