

HELP THE STRUGGLING PATRIOTS.

An Appeal from General Jordan to the Ladies of the City of New York.

The women and children of Cuba are well nigh naked. The greater part of the children are absolutely without clothing, and many reduced women, brought up in affluence, are reduced to a single, threadbare garment. This extreme destitution has come upon them because their families, for the most part, had to leave suddenly their homes in the towns and cities, with little means of transportation. The few articles of clothing they were able to carry in their flight having been worn out after eighteen months of war, they have been unable to get others, for, meanwhile, all commercial intercourse or trade with the exterior world has been utterly cut off.

The Junta in this city, and other friends of Cuban liberty in the United States, have necessarily confined their efforts to the procurement of arms and munitions of war for the patriots, and that under supremely discouraging obstacles. It has been simply impossible for them to send clothing for the women and children. Knowing this fact, and satisfied that the actual state of affairs in Cuba need only to be made clearly known in this city to insure immediate and complete relief, I have not hesitated to appeal, in this way, to that large spirit of practical generosity and charity for which the people of New York have ever been conspicuous. And I do so, confident that those who poured out their means to relieve the suffering people of Ireland and Crete will not fail to provide decent clothing for the women and children of an American people, who, under every aspect, deserve their moral and material aid. The very remnants flung aside in the stores of this great city would go very far towards the relief I invoke.

To the ladies of New York I will now leave the organization of all proper measures for the collection of the necessary resources for the charity I ask at their hands. They will best know how it can be soonest and most thoroughly accomplished; but I will be ready to co-operate with them in such manner as they may desire.

THOMAS JORDAN.

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