

SHALL CUBA BE FREE?

Mass Meeting at Irving Hall.

A mass meeting of the friends and admirers of Cuban independence was held last evening at Irving Hall. The attendance was not so numerous as might be anticipated on such an occasion. The fact of General Jordan's being unavoidably absent through illness might have something to do with this, that is if that fact were generally known among those who sympathize in the cause of "the Ever Faithful Isle." A letter from the General, stating his inability to attend the meeting, was read by the Chairman, Señor José de Armas y Cespedes, who then introduced

Lieutenant Colonel ENRIQUE AGRAMONTE LAYNE of the Cuban army, who spoke in the rich and musical vernacular of the cause in which he was engaged and prophesied the most hopeful result from the struggle.

Several other speakers addressed the meeting in Spanish. General Quesada was present among the audience, but did not take the platform.

Resolutions in favor of the independence of Cuba having been passed the meeting adjourned.