

# SUFFERING CUBAN WOMEN.

## Meeting of Prominent New York Ladies at the Fifth Avenue Hotel—An Organization Formed to Aid Suffering Cuban Women and Children.

Pursuant to an appeal on behalf of the suffering women of Cuba, emanating from Washington, signed by the wives of leading members of Congress, a call was made for a meeting at three P. M. yesterday, in the parlors of the Fifth Avenue Hotel, of Ladies of New York, with a view to organizing an association having for its object to assist these suffering women. About thirty ladies, nearly all of whom signed the call, including in their number some of the wealthiest and most influential ladies of the city, were present.

Mrs. E. B. PHELPS was called to the chair, and briefly stated the objects of the meeting, which, she sincerely hoped and believed, would meet with the hearty approval and co-operation of all in attendance. They did not propose to take any political sides, but simply, as far as lay in their power, extend a helping hand to their fellow women in Cuba, now suffering the extremest of poverty and destitution, entailed upon them by the revolution now in progress in that distant and beautiful Isle of the sea.

Rev. Mr. FRENCH followed in a few remarks retelling the amount of suffering now existing among the women and children of Cuba, and the abundant field that here presented itself for the exercise of benevolent charity. He stated that the American Missionary Society, whose rooms are in Reade street, could be made a depot for receiving any contributions of money or clothing or anything else that might be given in aid of the cause.

Mrs. PHELPS suggested that they proposed to get up a bazaar, from which it was believed a handsome sum might be realized, and she further suggested that as many of them would soon be going to the watering places and other places of summer resort, that they might take with them the material to make up for such a bazaar.

Mrs. FULLER said she had no doubt the city authorities would give them the use of Union Park, in which booths could be erected and articles exposed for sale.

After further remarks by other ladies, all of whom expressed a warm interest in the movement and assurances of their own earnest endeavors to make it a success, the election of permanent officers was entered upon, with the following result:—

*President*—Mrs. J. P. Roosevelt  
*Secretary*—Mrs. G. C. Barrett  
*Treasurer*—Mrs. Ralph Mead, Jr.  
*Executive Committee*—Mrs. E. B. Phelps, Mrs. William Gerard, Mrs. George Wood, Mrs. C. M. Colas and Miss Bodenhamer.

A committee of five was appointed to select the name for the organization, which committee, after a long retirement and consultation, recommended the following as their choice:—American Ladies' Association for Cuban Women and Children. Some objected to this as rather lengthy; but as no other titular designation more fittingly sententious and expressive could be suggested, it was finally adopted.

Mr. G. N. BROWN called attention to the coming raffle at the Academy of Music, Brooklyn, on the 30th inst., of \$10,000 worth of diamonds, jewelry, silverware, paintings, &c., with a chance of drawing a \$1,200 prize, the proceeds of which are to go, he said, to help clothe Cuba's naked women and children, and hoped each of the ladies present would take ten dollars' worth of the tickets. This raffle business did not seem to meet with very general favor, and after allowing Mr. Brown to distribute his circulars, it was stated that their action as an organization would be decided by the Executive Committee to whom the subject was referred.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the Executive Committee.