

## Cuban Prospects Brightening.

Dawn appears to be breaking upon Cuba at last, and that noble struggle of the people of that beautiful island against injustice and tyranny is drawing to a happy close. History records no revolution more just, nor one which called forth greater sacrifices, loftier patriotism or sterner courage than has been evinced by the Cuban patriots, and it would seem almost questioning the justice of Providence to doubt the ultimate success of such a people. Our own government, instead of extending to them the active sympathy, if not practical aid, which a people struggling for independence have a right to expect, has pursued a supinely indifferent course, rather assisting Spain to perpetuate her tyrannical rule upon the Western Continent than extending a helping hand to establish another republic upon our borders. It is safe to say that had the United States extended to the Cubans the same privileges as were awarded to Spain, Cuba to-day would be an independent sovereign Power acknowledged by most of the nations of the civilized world. But those privileges were withheld, and the struggle was prolonged until the hearts of the patriots well nigh failed them. The American people, however, becoming tired of the timorous policy pursued by our government, are moving in this matter, and their influence is seen in the renewed interest evinced in Cuban affairs by both the President and Congress. General Banks' report, published exclusively in the *HERALD*, was the first full official insight into the Cuban revolution which has been laid before the public. Its disclosures have aroused all classes, and Congress itself has been forced to abandon its indifference and to take some action upon the subject. The President has always sympathized with the Cuban patriots, but prudential motives heretofore prevented his moving in the matter. Now, however, he feels at liberty to pursue a different course, and we are assured that both he and his Cabinet will warmly support any policy that Congress may initiate. Upon Congress, therefore, rests the responsibility of Cuban independence. General Banks has plucked up courage enough to offer his long-withheld report to the House to-day, and he will be ably seconded by leading members whose active sympathy for the Cuban cause has been many times expressed. The House will doubtless take favorable action upon the report at once, and send the matter to the Senate, where it must not be suffered to "sleep the sleep that knows no waking." Mr. Sumner has doubtless ere this modified his views upon the Cuban war, and has learned that the patriots were in earnest when they emancipated their slaves and that Spain is equally in earnest in her efforts to perpetuate slavery. The Senate is to be the battle ground of Cuba; that body will determine the fate of the Queen of the Antilles—whether she is to be made a desert and a waste or take her place among the independent republics of the western world.