

# FOR SUFFERING CUBA.

Mass Meeting at the Brooklyn Academy—  
Speeches by General Jourdan, Daniel R.  
Lyddy and Others—Letters of Sympa-  
thy Read—Distribution of Prizes.

The Cuban mass meeting held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last night was not as largely attended as was anticipated. The lower part of the house was not more than a third full, and the family circle contained about twenty persons. It would have been supposed the announcement that \$10,000 worth of jewelry was to be distributed at the meeting, and the sympathy for suffering families of the Cuban patriots, would have had the effect of crowding the Academy, but such was not the case. The building was neatly decorated, flags of different nationalities being fastened over the balcony.

A large number of the prizes, consisting of silverware, jewelry, paintings, statuary, &c., were displayed on tables on the stage. A large painting of the Virgin Mary at the cross was suspended over the stage, on one side of which was a handsome American flag, and on the other the national colors of Cuba.

The meeting was advertised to commence at eight o'clock, but owing, as the manager, C. W. Brown, stated, to the absence of General Jourdan, the audience were kept waiting until nearly nine o'clock before a movement was made towards beginning. In the meantime a brass band entertained the patient assemblage. Finally, Mr. Brown appeared and apologized for the delay. He believed that there would have been a larger number present but from the fact that the meeting had been postponed twice—once because it was impossible to get ready for the meeting in the short time it was advertised for, and the second time in consequence of the death of the Cuban Minister. He then proceeded to state the arrangements for the drawing of the prizes, remarking that he had labored under considerable disadvantage, owing to the many lottery swindies which had been gotten up. These articles had been donated by ladies who sympathized with the noble cause, to be disposed of for the benefit of Cuban liberty. He thought this method of disposing of the articles the best. There were 10,000 tickets, their numbers corresponding with those which were held by the audience. These would be placed in a wheel which had been used in Brooklyn during the draft.

Mr. Brown said he had a few letters which he had received from well-known gentlemen who could not be present. He then read letters from Senator Fenton, John A. Logan, Fernando Wood, Stewart L. Woodford and Thomas Fitch, all expressing sympathy with the Cuban cause and regretting that it was impossible for them to be present. He then asked them to appoint a committee of three to examine the wheel and the duplicate tickets. Captain Snow and Drs. T. P. Norris and George J. Bennett were selected. Captain Snow declining, General De Lacey was appointed in his place. The tickets were then examined, during which process Mr. Daniel R. Lyddy entertained the audience with a short speech upon the wrongs of Cuba, and the necessity of America standing by her in the hour of need. It would be the best interest of America to recognize Cuba, and he believed if it had been done a year ago it would have been better. They might be told that the resources of the country would be affected if America interfered, but he did not believe it. Spain was holding it merely for Spanish honor. Spanish honor was murdering the men and women there. He hoped that the God of justice would be the God of vengeance, until it left Cuba independent.

Mr. BENNETT, one of the Examining Committee, reported that they had examined the tickets and found them correct.

General JOURDAN was then announced, and on making his appearance was greeted with loud applause. His speech, which he read from manuscript, was a recital of his experience in Cuba and the part he took in the revolution. He showed how the people of Cuba have been oppressed and was very severe on President Grant for his apathy in relation to the cause. A collection was then taken up, and after some further explanations by Mr. Brown the drawing of prizes was proceeded with, Colonel Lansing having been blindfolded for that purpose. Persons holding tickets not paid for will not be entitled to any prize.