

# FEEDING THE POOR IN HAVANA.

Gen. Lee Distributing Rations Among  
the Victims of the Spanish Re-  
concentration Policy.

HAVANA, Dec. 22.—Major Gen. Lee, having received a cable from Gen. Alger saying that the Secretary of War understood there were thousands of persons starving in Havana, and directing him to feed them "without delay," immediately ordered Lieut. Col. Wood to distribute rations and to make systematic efforts to feed the helpless, carefully avoiding waste.

There are hundreds in Havana to-day who, though not actually starving, are in a deplorable state of weakness and disease, the effects of the cruel reconcentration policy. They need hospital treatment, which is not always available. Much of the wretchedness is due to the neglected condition of the tenements. Every day or so the relief distributors come upon dead bodies, terribly emaciated. Two were found in the suburb of Cerro yesterday.

It is difficult to distinguish between the professional vagrant and the really deserving cases, but the committees with local knowledge are able to render excellent service.