

Our Legation in Spain.

The great importance of the questions growing out of the present struggle in Cuba makes it urgent upon the new administration to see that our interests in Spain are competently handled and looked after, and our legation to Madrid should, therefore, be put in the best possible condition, with a live and bold representative of the ideas of the President at the head of it. At the moment when least expected some question may be sprung by the course of events which will require immediate but judicious handling, and Minister Hale, who has been now for some years in Europe, can hardly be in such thorough *rapport* with the administration as our needs require. Besides, the quarrel which has so long existed between himself and the Secretary of Legation has in a large degree diminished the moral power of the mission and created the necessity for the infusion of new blood into it. A new secretary has been recently appointed, but it cannot be claimed that he shall inspire the head of the legation with the new ideas which have germinated here in the past six months, and which the fires of the Cuba revolution are ripening in the minds of the American people. The importance of the questions pressing upon us require a first class man in Madrid, and we hope President Grant will soon give the matter his personal attention.