

## Cuba and Spain—A Significant Resolution in Congress.

The resolution upon Spain and Cuba which unanimously passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday has something of the true republican ring about it. The sting which it contains referring to the liberties of Spain is an admirable prelude to the sympathy expressed for Cuban patriots in the last half of the resolution. The further resolution authorizing the President to recognize the independence of Cuba at the proper moment is what we have been advocating for two months past. The Cubans are bent upon obtaining their independence, and there is no doubt but they will succeed much quicker than the Spanish leeches may imagine. The sympathy expressed by General Grant in his conversation with General Reynolds is very opportune, and, coming on the same day with the House resolution, shows how strong the current is setting in favor of Cuba.

It is evident that the happy moment is approaching when we shall commence at the right end of the national reconstruction problem by straightening up our foreign matters. We must repay Spain for her kindness to us during our struggle for national existence. We can do this and at the same moment perform a great moral obligation in behalf of the Cubans who are suffering from Spanish domination. As regards England, our little reciprocity understanding with Prince Edward Island is destined to open the true road to the settlement of the Alabama claims.

Spain, struggling for liberalism, certainly cannot object to the liberal movement of Cuba if she be consistent with her own newly adopted code of progress. Therefore the best thing for the Spanish government to do is to telegraph to General Dulce to withdraw from Cuba and save the lives of the twelve or fifteen thousand Spanish troops who are now dying off like sheep under the compound influences of cholera, yellow fever and patriot bayonets. Quick action should be taken on this subject by both Spain and the United States. Cuba is too closely allied with us in a common progress for us to allow Spain to hold possession of the island simply for the purpose of desolating it.