

THE CUBAN FAIR.

Inauguration of the Fair at Apollo Hall Last Evening by the "Junta Patriótica."

The grand fair for the benefit of the sick and wounded of the patriot army of Cuba was opened last evening at Apollo Hall under the auspices of the Cuban ladies of the "Junta Patriótica." Mayor Hall was to have inaugurated the fair, but owing to his having been suddenly called 'out of town yesterday afternoon, Mr. Richard O'Gorman did the honors in his absence. Long before the hour appointed for the formal opening, the hall, which was very tastefully decorated with Cuban flags and banners of various descriptions, was crowded by a very brilliant gathering of ladies and gentlemen, the majority of whom were, of course, Cubans. Mr. O'Gorman, after prayer by the Rev. Dr. Gallandet, was introduced by Mr. Sherman, a well known advocate of Cuban rights. Mr. O'Gorman, during his address, which was a very short one, and made in his peculiarly happy vein, referred to the struggle which the Cubans were making against the tyrannical Spaniards. The time had gone by, he said, when any European Power could meddle with impunity with the affairs of any community on this Continent. He had no doubt that triumph would finally crown the efforts of the patriots of the "ever faithful Isle." Even if they were unsuccessful in their present unequal fight, their final deliverance from the falling yoke which had for so long a time oppressed them was as certain as fate. Cubans had before now essayed to gain their freedom and failed; but they had arisen at last in their might, and could not be put down by the assassination of helpless women in the streets of Havana. Mr. O'Gorman then referred to the ladies who had taken the fair in hand, and advised the "friends of the good cause" to patronize them in a manner that would accrue to the benefit of the soldiers in the field.

There are seventeen tables in the hall, every one of which is loaded down with all sorts of articles, which the ladies expect to dispose of long before the close of the fair in order to give place to other articles, which certain patriots are desirous of presenting to the Junta. There are some very valuable objects *de reserve* on some of the tables, which are to be raffled for, exclusive of the inevitable pincushions, which are to be seen on all the tables in rich and varied profusion. It is needless to state that the ladies were untiring in their efforts last evening to please all the gentlemen by making them come "down with the dust" in a handsome manner. The fair will certainly be a success, for it is under good management. The ladies who have the affair in charge have done their part, and it now remains for the friends of Cuba to do theirs.