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Speech of the Captain General at the Opening of the Casino—He Urges the Society to Avoid Political Discussions.

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At the opening of the Casino Español Captain General De Rodas made a speech. He congratulated the gentlemen who had established the institution on having carried out an idea pregnant with good results. He believed it would serve to tighten the bonds of affection that should unite good Spaniards on both sides of the ocean. He warned the members of this as well as those of similar associations that they should avoid political discussions; otherwise their reunions would degenerate into political or revolutionary clubs, presenting obstacles to good government.

The President of the Casino and the editor of the *Imprensa* made replies, fully according with the sentiments of the Captain General.