Soon after the close of the yellow fever epidemic the directors of the Sub-Tropical Association held a meeting, at which it was decided to again open the exposition that winter. It was a magnificent example of pluck and hope for the future. True to schedule, the second Sub-Tropical Exposition opened February 20, 1889. The exhibits, though not as elaborate as before, were yet most creditable, considering the circumstances resulting from the demoralization caused by the yellow fever epidemic. With a year's growth, the grounds had become a garden of much beauty.

Grover Cleveland again visited the exposition, April 4, as the guest of a party of Plant System Railroad officials. Fred Douglass was here at the same time as the guest of the colored branch of the Association, but it is not shown that the two met.

**Interstate Drill April 10-12, 1889**

The closing attractions at the Sub-Tropical were the maneuvers and competitive drills staged by military companies from Florida and nearby States. Taking part in these maneuvers were:

- Carolina Rifles, Charleston, Capt. K. S. Tupper.
- German Fusileers, Charleston, Capt. Henry Schachte.
- Montgomery Guards, Charleston, Capt. F. J. Devereux.
- Southern Cadets, Macon, Capt. Roff Simms.
- Gate City Guards, Atlanta, Capt. Lyman Hall.
- Clark Light Infantry, Augusta, Capt. H. K. Lowry.
- Clinch Rifles, Augusta, Capt. J. C. Levy.
- Gatling Gun Company, Charleston, Capt. F. P. Winthrop.
- Metropolitan Light Infantry, Jacksonville, Capt. J. E. McGinnis.
- Jacksonville Light Infantry, Jacksonville, Capt. C. W. Stansell.
- Bartow Rifles, Bartow, Capt. J. E. Dickens.
- Orlando Guards, Orlando, Capt. R. S. Allen.
- Cadet Company, F. A. C., Lake City, Capt. R. H. Oleman.
- Island City Guards, Key West, Capt. F. C. Brosler.
- St. Augustine Guards, St. Augustine, Capt. Wm. Moody.