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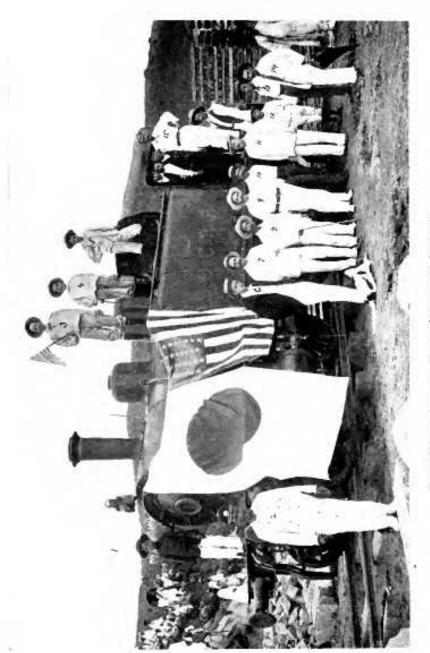
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### I DEDICATE THIS LITTLE BOOK

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## PREFACE

Called to face new duties, from which they do not propose to flinch, the American people want facts for guidance. History gives the surest ground for prophecy. I have tried to look our problems in the face, and to show our past in the Pacific.

Four years' residence in the Far East, from 1870 to 1874, nourished and increased an interest in the Asian peoples, which I may call hereditary, because it sprang from a line of seafaring ancestors, English and American.

When the events of the wonderful and the pivotal year of 1898 had altered the trend of our national history, The Outlook Company wished me to represent their enterprising journal in the Philippines. Fascinating as was the call, my home duties would not allow me to accept, but to the next request for service, I was glad to be able to say "I can and I will." So I wrote seven papers for "The Outlook"