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*Oh ye people who are free, remember
the maxim that liberty may be ac-
quired but never recovered.*

—Rousseau.

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TO MY FATHER,
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NOTE.

Several of the essays in this book were published during the campaign of 1900, or within a short time after. Many of them relate to the imperial policy of the United States which grew out of the war with Spain. These essays preserve, to some extent, the thought which was current during a portion of the development of that policy; and may therefore have an historical value, even if they do not profoundly discuss the constitutional questions at issue.

Others of these essays have never before been published; among which the one entitled "Implied Powers and Imperialism" was designed to go so thoroughly into the fallacy upon which imperialism rests that the essays upon the Philippine question might be constitutionally rounded out. If this book shall prove in any manner to be a contribution to the literature of liberty, I shall feel that the time and the labor of its composition were not wasted.

E. L. M.

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