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PREFACE

The eternal glory of all great things belongs to the one who has placed the first stone.—Renan.

We of today, the great Aryan race, who hold the scepter of civilization, must acknowledge our indebtedness—"with becoming admiration, what we have inherited from our Cushite predecessors."—Baldwin.

They were the first civilizers, the first enlightened nation of antiquity. They taught the world the art of navigation, the phonetic alphabet and the science of numbers. They are the ones who gathered from different parts of the world and tamed nearly all of what we call our domestic animals. They were the architects who built the great monuments and cities, now in ruin, of Arabia, Egypt, Mexico and Central America. When at the height of their glory this nation had colonies in practically all parts of the world.

Hannibal, Thales, Dido and Cleopatra were of that nationality.

And the Queres Indians of Laguna and Acoma are one of the last fading remnants of that great people.

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