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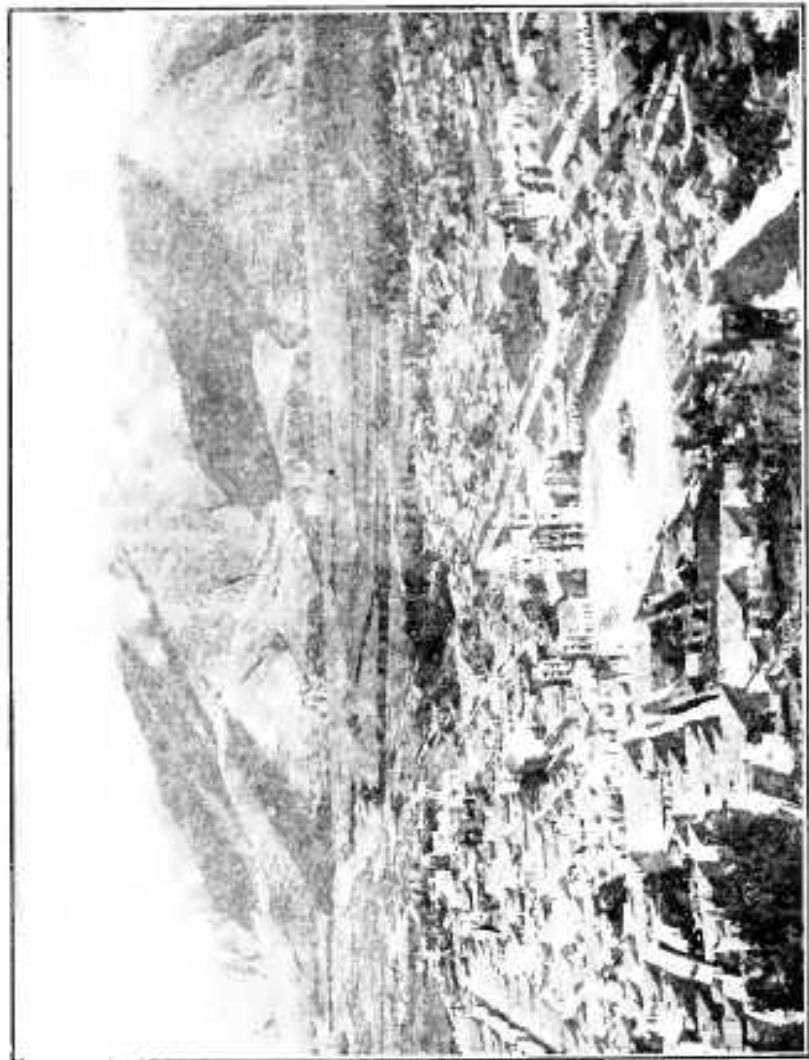
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PREFACE

THE present text makes accessible to students of Spanish the most interesting parts of a striking historical narrative of primitive American peoples. The extraordinary nature of the facts described by the historian of the Inca Empire gives the text of the ancient volume a decided flavor of romance, and the author makes the most of the curious and appealing material he had in hand. If for no other reason, the interest inherent in the remarkable story itself and in the manner of its telling, justifies a careful reading of the book.

The close analogy between the theory of the Inca state and the theories of modern State Socialism makes the book very valuable to the student of politics. Here was State Socialism — supported by and conducted under a remarkably derived sanction — carried out in the most thorough-going manner for a long period of years. The Inca's story gives a full account of this gigantic and successful application of socialistic principles. No one who wishes to know what the chances are for the successful operation of a socialistic state can afford to ignore this story of ancient Peru.

Students of contemporary life in Latin-America will find in the Inca's story the influences which mold many of the forms of civilization, and which motivate most of the hopes and aspirations of the very numerous Indian popu-

lations of modern Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador. These Indians still dream of the happy days of the Incas, and desire passionately a reestablishment of the ancient régime. No one can understand contemporary Peru, Bolivia, and Ecuador who does not know, and know in some detail, the history of the Inca Empire.

In arranging the text, the principal authority consulted, and the one from whom most of the information about the life of the Inca Garcilaso, as given in the Introduction, was derived, is Sir Clements Markham, whose many books dealing with Peru, the Quechua language, and the Incas, entitle him to rank as one of the most accomplished students of Peruvian antiquities. The archaeological studies of Professor Hiram Bingham, of Yale University, as reported in the *National Geographic Magazine*, have been the source of much valuable information and guidance. The works of Squier, Prescott, and of Rivero and Von Tschudi on the history and antiquities of Peru have been freely consulted.

The editor wishes to thank his wife for preparing the plate of the map of South America, and the Boston Public Library, and Professor Hiram Bingham and Mr. Osgood Hardy, of Yale University, for their kindness in furnishing photographs of Inca ruins and scenes in modern Peru.

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