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INTRODUCTION.

It has been said that no country's public policy is actuated by unselfishness or the dictates of humanity. To a certain extent this is true, since mutual jealousy and distrust among nations render such a course difficult and well-nigh impossible.

But the United States, which struck the blow for liberty in 1776, and for unity in 1861, next smote in the sacred name of humanity. The cries of the dead and dying on her doorsteps fell no longer on deaf ears. Disavowing all intention of adding the island of Cuba to our domain, we made war upon the wickedest nation that claims to be civilized, and we waged it in behalf of a weak but gallant people who needed our help. Not since the world began has a more righteous war been prosecuted bravely to a triumphant conclusion.

It is important that all the features of this struggle should be understood. Accordingly, in the following pages are given a brief

authentic history of ancient and modern Spain; the historical facts concerning Cuba, from its first visit by the Spaniards to the present time; the perfidy that has marked every attempt of Spain to plant colonies in the New World, and the events that finally brought about the armed intervention of the United States in behalf of Cuba, and its freedom from the Spanish yoke.

This work is not made up of padding taken from the newspaper files, but has been carefully prepared from authentic data by an accomplished historian and written in a graphic and entertaining manner. Supplemented by the numerous artistic illustrations, it forms a volume not only of present interest, but of permanent and lasting value.