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*To*  
**FREDERICK MOORE**  
A Friend and Fellow  
of my own Craft



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## FOREWORD

WHATEVER may be the outcome of the Presidential contest of 1920, the fact has been well established that Major General Leonard Wood has won for himself a permanent place among the truly great Americans of this generation, and that his personality and achievements will be accorded attentive study by all historians who may endeavor to give to posterity an accurate account of our country's influence upon the destinies of mankind during the epoch-making first quarter of the twentieth century. In presenting to the public, therefore, the many-sided personality of Leonard Wood as revealed through his writings and speeches, Mr. David, the compiler of this timely volume, has been inspired by the belief that his work was not ephemeral, that there would be permanent value in a collection of this virile, versatile American's public utterances regarding the vital questions that agitate a period overwhelmed by the vast significance of the problems it is called upon to solve.

The cynic who asserted that speech was

vouchsafed to us that we might manage to conceal our thoughts must have associated with men of a type with which Leonard Wood has nothing in common. His clear thinking leads him irresistibly to clarity of expression, and his intrinsic sincerity, his romantically varied experiences of life, his supreme courage and the white heat of his patriotism combine to give to his views on the basic principles involved in our present national and international complications a significance that will outlast any connection they may seemingly have with the political activities of the moment.

Convinced, as the compiler is, that Leonard Wood's attitude toward the vital problems of our generation is an integral part of the history of our time, of import to the future as well as to the present, the endeavor has been made in the following pages to throw upon many vexed questions the illuminating light of this great leader's trained mind, a mind free from visionary tendencies, clear, logical, broadly sympathetic, and always American in its contact with contemporary issues.

The Standard Dictionary defines a statesman as "a man versed in the arts of government." To his mental and temperamental