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TOGETHER WITH

A CONSIDERATION OF OUR PHILIPPINE POLICY

FROM ITS INCEPTION TO THE PRESENT TIME

*AND THE INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC LAW AFFECTING
THE SAME*

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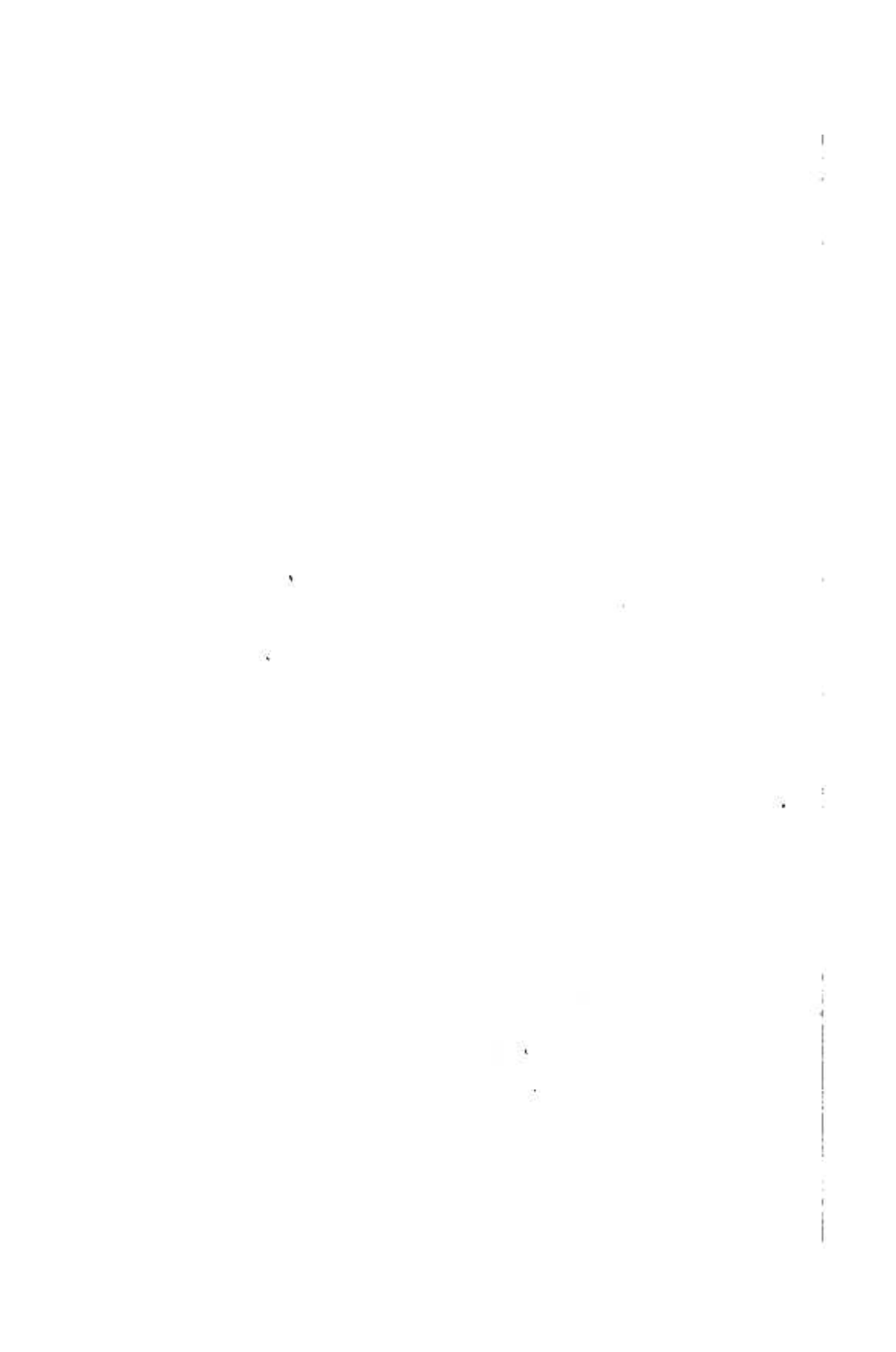
TO

MAJ. GEN. O. O. HOWARD

U. S. A., Retired

THE MAN WHOSE SINGLE AIM
IS TO MAKE OTHERS HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS,
AND WHO, BY HIS EXAMPLE, FIRST
TAUGHT ME FRIENDSHIP,
THIS VOLUME IS DEDICATED

WOLLASTON,
Christmas Eve, 1908



PREFACE

This volume is made up of the complete manuscript which was prepared as the foundation of the address delivered by the author upon Memorial Day, 1902, before Standard Post No. 2, G. A. R., at Burlington, Vt., and of such additions as have been necessary in order that the work might comprehend the entire period of the Philippine Insurrection, so called. The distribution of a limited number of galley slips of the address about as delivered, of course covering much less ground than is herein considered, received such enthusiastic comments and so much attention from leading newspapers, although the slips were sent out too late to be considered news, as to seem to warrant the publication of this volume. Had it not been for the congressional campaign of last fall we would have published long before this. The author's desire, however, to make this an American book, and not a party one, has rendered delay inevitable until he deemed that

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the Philippine question had really ceased to be an important subject of dissension between the two prominent parties and had become a question with which we were willing to deal as a nation. To the writer's mind that time has now arrived.

At first, those who read these pages will probably be intensely surprised to learn that the literature of the Anti-Imperialists was so largely made up of ridiculous exaggerations, barefaced misquotations, misrepresentations and falsehoods, and to learn that an individual who has gained a national reputation as a statistician would stoop to such methods to prove his points; and yet, to the mind of the author of this book, such indefensible methods are the most likely weapons in the world to be employed by American men who can see nothing wrong in encouraging a public enemy to shoot down American soldiers. In passing, it may also be properly observed that if a person's statistics are taken at their face value it seems easy for anyone to obtain a national reputation as a statistician. Perhaps this indicates the explanation of the reputation of at least one man.

The conviction, based upon purely psychological grounds and after much thought, was forced upon

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me that such men would do anything to gain their point—that they were outside the pale that covers sound, careful, considerate, responsible minds, and that, therefore, we must, in whatever they do, look for everything and anything that is unjustifiable, unfair, and irresponsible—and the disclosures herein set out of their work support strongly this theory—and it was this belief that led to the minute examination contained in this book of the literature and statistics presented to the country by the Anti-Imperialists.

The discovery of the fact that there are practically no men among the Anti-Imperialists who ever carried a musket in war, although the most of them were, at the time of the Civil War, of enlistment age, was also the result of reasoning and reflection, and not of any mere chance.

The author has hope that there will be many people in the country who will be glad that this book has been written. He will be especially pleased if it is welcomed by those who are or have been American soldiers and by those who are especially interested in them, for he will then feel as if he had done something for them. That is what, above all else, he desires to accomplish ; and he seeks no