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to urge very strongly, in view of the general desire for immediate action expressed in the Senate by Senators Newlands, Williams and Borah, and in the House by Representatives Cline, Garland, Peters, Martin, McCall, Slayden, among other Senators and Representatives; and in view of the very acute disappointment at the delay which has been expressed in the Philippine Islands,—that the several motions for their independence which have been offered and referred to the Insular Committee should be at once taken up and considered there, and that a resolution based upon them may, if possible, be presented in the House of Representatives before adjournment.

MOORFIELD STOREY, President.
ERVING WINSLOW, Secretary.

ADDRESS TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE.

The most important action of the year was perhaps the address adopted by the Executive Committee, July 27, and forwarded for publication to the Philippine press. It reached the islands during the month of September and was published in full in the newspapers, native and foreign. Appended to the address were many specimens of responses received from Democratic members of Congress in reply to an appeal made to them to support a resolution promising speedy independence, which were almost all of an encouraging character. It may be added that similar appeals for a line-up in the coming session of Congress have received on the whole quite as favorable replies.

The text of the address follows:

The Anti-Imperialist League, in the interest of Americans and Filipinos alike, has for nearly thirteen years devoted all its energies and all the means with which it has been entrusted to the task of endeavoring to bring our countrymen to a better mind in regard to the Philippine aggression, that they might atone for the national departure of 1898 from the principles upon which our government rests, and incidentally restore their independence to the people of the Philippine Islands.

It is well-known that almost all the great and wise leaders of the Republican party in the past, such as Ex-President Harrison, Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Sherman, Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed, Senator George F. Hoar in particular, and such eminent members of the party as Representative Samuel

required so much time and such a quantity of labor as must have challenged attention.

The President of the United States owed his election to the Roman Catholic voters, to whom he appealed during his campaign, before religious organizations of their communion at every possible opportunity, representing himself, by his advocacy of the purchase of the friar lands and by many other alleged benefits, to be the friend and protector of that great Christian body. It is interesting to observe that both in private and in public the tone of those who represent it has changed. The large element therein, composed of Irish Americans, passionate lovers of liberty and nationalism, have discovered that the President is making a worse use of the friar lands than their former owners could possibly have done, in the spoliation of the Filipinos through sales to the non-resident exploiter. The Hierarchy recognizes that the chances of prosperity of the Church would be far more certainly assured in an independent state free to all religions, which is the Filipino program; when the ownership of the United States would no longer imply the activities of enormously subsidized Protestant missions preying upon their flock. In a recent address to the clergy and laity of the archdiocese of Manila, Archbishop Harty says, in warning his people against the Young Men's Christian Association:

"I am bound by the duties of my office to call your attention to a seductive method adopted for the spread of Protestantism in the Philippines. In the last ten or twelve years, as you are aware, various prominent American Protestant sects have apportioned among themselves distinct spheres of propagandism in these Islands; a division of territory having been resorted to for the purpose of concealing from Filipinos the spectacle, presented in the United States and elsewhere, of religious discord among themselves.

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In view of the foregoing, it seems hardly necessary to point out the danger of the Y. M. C. A. to our Catholic youth, especially to young Filipinos, who have little experience of heretical sects. In many cases, these youths are apt to be insufficiently grounded in a knowledge of the Catholic religion to be able to resist the onset of error and allurements

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They will be subjected to both open and covert attacks made on their religion by Protestant ministers."

New documents circulated by the League during the year have been as follows:—many of them having been reproduced in the columns of friendly newspapers, so that they have reached hundred of thousands of readers, against thousands accessible through more expensive pamphlet forms:

“Report of Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League, November 26, 1910.”

“A Conservation Policy for the Philippines.” Article in “The Southern Workman,” by Dr. David P. Barrows, December, 1910.

“Brief on Behalf of the Anti-Imperialist League.” Pamphlet prepared by Jackson H. Ralston, Frederick L. Siddons and William E. Richardson, attorneys for Anti-Imperialist League. February 9, 1911.

“Fortifying the Canal.” Open letter in the Lewiston Sun by Gamaliel Bradford, February, 1911.

“Philippine Independence.” National Monthly, Erving Winslow, February, 1911.

“Conditions in the Philippines.” Speech of Hon. James L. Slayden, of Texas, in the House of Representatives, March 1, 1911.

“Philippine Independence.” Speech of Hon. Manuel L. Quezon in the House of Representatives, March 2, 1911.

“Philippine Policy.” Translation from letter in La Vanguardia by Dr. Ferdinand Blumentritt, in Lewiston Sun, March 10, 1911.

“Taking Stock in Philippines.” Editorial, New York Evening Post, April 29, 1911.

“The Philippines for the Filipinos.” The Commoner. Erving Winslow. May 12, 1911.

“Neutralization as a Peace Measure.” The Peacemaker. Erving Winslow. June 1, 1911.

“Fourth of July in the Philippines.” Translation from La Vanguardia, July 3, 1911.

“The ‘Wild Tribes’ and Other Filipinos.” Letter from Sixto Lopez in the Philippines Free Press, July 8 and 15, 1911.

“Governor Forbes’s Policy Criticized.” Translation from La Vanguardia, July 21, 1911.

“The Basis of the Filipino Appeal.” Communication to Sacramento Bee by Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, July 27, 1911.

“Philippine Development.” Translation from letter in La Vanguardia by Hermenegildo Cruz. July 29, 1911.

“The Philippines and the Monroe Doctrine.” The Independent. Professor James Schouler, LL. D.

“The Policy of Exploitation.” Translation from La Vanguardia, August 14, 1911.

“Philippine Independence.” Speech of Hon. Eugene F. Kinhead, in the House of Representatives, August 22, 1911.

“Appeal of the Anti-Imperialist League.” D. G. Haskins, Jr.

“To the Filipino People.” Address by the Anti-Imperialist League, La Vanguardia, September 19, 1911.

“Taft: An Appreciation.” Communication to various newspapers from “A Filipino.”

“Taft’s Mistake on Trusts.” Communication to various newspapers from Secretary.

“Neutralization.” The Springfield Republican. Erving Winslow. October 16, 1911.

“The Anti-Imperialist Position.” Boston Herald. Erving Winslow. October 24, 1911.

“Neglected Markets.” Leaflet. American Economic League. P. B. 97.

THE OUTLOOK.

As affecting the outlook, there are many new arguments to be urged in behalf of our cause and many new points of attack. We are now enabled to quote from a reply to a request from the Military Committee of the national House of Representatives recently given by the heads of bureaus that the cost of the military occupation of the Philippine Islands has been between one hundred and sixty-seven and one hundred and sixty-eight millions of dollars, under the assumption that if the army had not been in the islands, a number of troops equal to the number of Philippine scouts would have been maintained in the United States. But those who desire to exploit the islands care as little what has been expended hitherto in our process of assimilation as they do for the natives of the islands themselves or for their wishes in the matter. There are undoubtedly great riches in the islands, and the keen eyes of the capitalists are greedily fixed upon them.

It will surprise those who might fear that the lack of homogeneity and the turbulent character of the Moros would make it impossible for an independent Philippine government to

shall be justly proud of our fellow citizens who, removed from the direct influence of public opinion, and charged with an important trust, have shown themselves worthy of it. If, on the other hand, there exist abuses such as exist in our own midst, and in every part of this country, we shall be in a position to apply the remedies. Our opponents should welcome an investigation, and we count on their cordial co-operation in the attempt to secure it. We want the light. They certainly should have no reason to refuse it.

And so, ladies and gentlemen, we may feel that the last year has helped our cause and that the future is bright, and we may press forward with the confident hope that we shall live to see the day when the stars and stripes wave only over the land of the free, and the principles of the Declaration of Independence have regained their hold on the hearts of the American people. Whatever may happen this year, or in any year during our lives, we may each of us say with Senator Hoar: "I have an assured faith in the future. I have an assured faith in justice and the love of liberty of the American people. The stars in their courses fight for freedom. The Ruler of the Heavens is on that side. If the battle today go against it, I appeal to another day, not distant and sure to come."

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The meeting having voted to proceed to the election of officers, the President was asked to designate a committee of three to collect and count ballots for officers of the League for the ensuing year. The President appointed Dr. Lincoln R. Stone, Mr. Charles A. Taber and Professor L. J. Johnson to be the committee, which, having attended to its duty, reported the following list as unanimously elected:

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