

Our forefathers denied the materiality of that contention, and claimed self-government as a right. They met the question, "Are you able to govern yourselves?" with the question, "Is any man good enough to be a despot?"

Our forefathers contended that all men are created free and equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and that to maintain these rights governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. And so they brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. The new nation founded a new flag and proved its capacity for self-government.

Then came the experiment of trying to exist half free and half slave. The experiment failed and the nation received a new birth of freedom. The red-white-and-blue received a new meaning as the flag of freedom.

Fifteen years ago we ran up that flag of freedom over the Philippine Islands. The party in power at that time was one that based its principles upon the proposition that even our own citizens are not capable of self-government, but must delegate their governmental powers to a chosen few. Believing thus as to their fellow-citizens, is it to be wondered at that this political party denied the right of self-government to an alien race?

Disregarding history, this political party again tried the experiment of maintaining a country half free and half slave. Again it was asserted that a flag once run up should never be hauled down. Again it was contended that a subject colony was incapable of self-government, in entire disregard of the right to self-government.

But now the party of freedom has triumphed in this country, vindicating the right of our own people to govern themselves, through representatives. It is altogether fitting and proper that from this party should come the first promise of freedom to the Filipino people.

Now the Filipinos can gaze upon the red-white-and-blue, floating over them, no longer as the flag of oppression, but as the flag of the promise of freedom.

At close of Mr. Hoar's address meeting was dissolved.

You are earnestly asked to hand this, after reading, to some other person who will also give it careful consideration.

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The death of the Hon. Francis Eben Woodruff deprived us of the excellent service of one of its most efficient officers. His connection with the League as one of its Vice-Presidents was no mere honorary one, but was accepted by him with a serious purpose of devotion to its cause which was splendidly fulfilled. Mr. Woodruff's experience in public affairs, re-enforced by his cool judgment and fertility of suggestion, made his counsel invaluable, and he was that best of friends,— a frank, outspoken critic. His communications to the press were frequent and impressive. He was always ready to join, and often initiated, movements for approach, in behalf of our cause, to legislative and executive officials, by epistle, petition, or address. The loss of his constant correspondence will be greatly felt by the administrators of the League. The large collection of it in our archives constitutes a valuable library of reference which will perpetuate the memory of this wise and good man.

Not among our official membership in the year's necrology were:

Mr. William Endicott, who was, like so many public-spirited men of the period, in full sympathy with our movement from the time of the inauguration of the League, contributing liberally to its treasury and becoming the first chairman of its Executive Committee:

The Rev. John Snyder, who used a brilliant and prolific pen in behalf of the cause. His contributions to the press — pungent, incisive, and witty — were very valuable and effective.

#### NEW DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED

Fifteenth Annual Report of the Anti-Imperialist League.

Address before the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Anti-Imperialist League, Moorfield Storey.

"Worcester and Aguinaldo," Hon. Francis E. Woodruff, from *Springfield Republican*, December 8.

"Disputes Taft's Philippine Argument," Hon. Winslow Warren, from *New York Evening Post*, December 9.

Same, as a leaflet.

"The President and the Carabaos," Moorfield Storey, from *Boston Herald*, December 18.

"The Philippines and India," Erving Winslow, from *New York Evening Post*, January 16.

"The Sorrows of Empire," Dr. Robert Ellis Thompson, from *Irish World*, January 24.

"An Order in the Philippines," Erving Winslow, from *Springfield Republican*, January 26.

"The Philippine Societies," Erving Winslow, from *Johnstown Democrat*, February 7.

"A New Phase of Filipino Independence," William S. Lyon, from *New York Evening Post*, March 6.

"Philippine Changes," Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, from *New York Times*, March 21.

"Filipino Finance," William S. Lyon, from *Springfield Republican*, April 10.

"No Slavery in the Philippines," Erving Winslow, from *Springfield Republican*, May 26.

"The New Freedom in the Philippines," Speech of Hon. Manuel L. Quezon, House of Representatives, July 11.

Together with these many previously printed pamphlets and leaflets have been supplied without charge to inquirers for information or for debating material.

ERVING WINSLOW, *Secretary*.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Messrs. A. M. Howe, H. A. Carson, and the Rev. W. R. Lord, having been appointed as a committee to distribute and collect ballots for officers during the ensuing year, reported that the following persons were chosen:

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The following resolution was offered by the Hon. Albion A. Perry and unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Anti-Imperialist League earnestly urges the immediate passage by the Senate of the bill reforming the Government of the Philippine Islands which passed the House at the last session, as an important step toward the fulfilment of the promise repeatedly made by the Democratic Party to give the Philippine Islands their independence.

The meeting was then dissolved.