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"Sit down before a fact as a little child, be prepared to give up every preconceived notion, follow humbly wherever and to whatever abysses nature leads, or you will learn nothing."—Thomas H. Huxley.

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DEDICATION.

*The one dear life which, in all the on going of time, I shall
be allowed to live upon this planet, came to me
within the borders of the imperial state
of Texas. Whatever others
may say, shall I not, therefore, love her? Well, I do; and
to Texas soil which fed me, to Texas air which
fanned my cheeks, to Texas skies which
smiled upon me, to Texas stars
whose fiery orbs searched
my soul, chased out the germs of slumber and bade me come
to them, this volume is affectionately dedicated by*

THE AUTHOR,

WORKS OF SUTTON E. GRIGGS.

"IMPERIUM IN IMPERIO"

"OVERSHADOWED"

"UNFETTERED"

"THE HINDERED HAND"

"THE ONE GREAT QUESTION"

"POINTING THE WAY"

"WISDOM'S CALL"

AUTHOR'S PREFACE.

The skill and the courage, the daring and persistence, the heroism, resourcefulness and masterful genius displayed by the sons of the white South during their four years of bloody travel and shifting fortunes from Bull Run's battle ground, by the way of Shiloh, of Gettysburg, of Antietam and other fields of carnage, on and on, and on, to the dreary plains of hope-ending Appomattox, settled for all time to come the question of the innate capacity of the white South for great achievements.

It is well that the South has had this lesson of her greatness coming out of the Civil War, for, standing midway of the world's civic forests, with the world's most stupendous sociological problem strapped to her back, hedged in with briars, brambles and darkness, her ears beset with the harsh tones of the vicious, the false tones of the demagogues and the half tones of the timid, the lesson is needed that she may have the faith in her powers necessary for the performance of the great task that is hers and the nation's.

But there are other lessons of equal importance to be drawn from the outcome of this same war. The result of the war wholly unforeseen by the leaders

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of the South of that day, demonstrates that the white South with all of its acuteness of judgment is not by any means infallible, is not beyond the possibility of making grave mistakes. The result of the war also demonstrates that, with all of its power, the white South is yet not able to withstand the eternal drift of things, is not able to fight against the stars in their courses, is not able to thwart the purposes of the guiding hand of the universe however distasteful the pathway mapped out may be.

In view of the fact that the South *can* make mistakes and *can* be ordered by eternal forces to retrace her steps, an open ear should be ever kept attuned to catch dear wisdom's call. Such we feel our message herein given to be. Hence, the name it bears.

In "Wisdom's Call" we have striven to look at matters fundamentally, and feel that we have made a presentation which the white South can only reject or ignore at the cost of a silent, bloodless but costly struggle with eternal forces, which through the years will eat away her vitals.

Very respectfully,
SUTTON E. GRIGGS.

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