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To FREDERICK MOORE A Friend and Fellow of my own Craft



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